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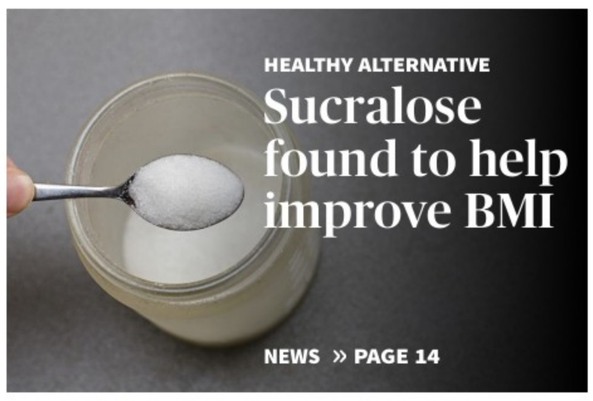

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Bangladesh Parliament dissolved; Yunus proposed as interim leader

BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia among Sheikh Hasina's opponents released from jail; a number of Awami League supporters arrested; streets of Dhaka filled with crowds holding rallies; Hindu-owned businesses and houses attacked in some areas

Rabiul Alam
DHAKA

Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin on Tuesday dissolved the 12th Parliament, formed through the January 7 national election, and assured the country that fresh elections will be held as soon as possible.

This comes a day after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down after 15 straight years in power and fled the country, following a crackdown on widespread protests.

The key coordinators of Students Against Discrimination, the group that spearheaded the anti-government protests, proposed the name of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus to head an interim government. Mr. Yunus has given his consent to take on the responsibility, according to Nahid Islam, a protest coordinator.

The decision to dissolve Parliament was taken following the President's discussions with the three chiefs of staff of Bangladesh's armed forces, the leaders of different political parties, civil society representatives, and the leaders of the students movement, according to a statement issued from Bangabhaban, the official residence of the President.

People near the demolished statue of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, father of Bangladesh, in Dhaka, on Tuesday. REUTERS

The statement added that the head of the main Opposition party had been released from prison. "[Bangladesh Nationalist Party] BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia was freed. The process to release those arrested between July 1 and August [5] has started, and many have already been released," it added.

The streets of Dhaka were filled with crowds holding rallies and chanting in support of their respective parties on Tuesday.

Some businesses and homes owned by Hindus, a minority community in Bangladesh, have reportedly been attacked in certain areas.

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Hasina looks at UAE, Saudi for asylum

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Over 24 hours after ousted Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled Dhaka, it is still unclear where her final destination will be, as sources said the U.K. is "unlikely" to accept her request for asylum. She is believed to be discussing her options with other nations, including the UAE and Saudi Arabia, along with those where her immediate family resides: the U.S., the U.K., Finland and India.

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All 39 accused in homestay attack case acquitted

MANGALURU

More than 12 years after the infamous assault and harassment of 13 college students at a homestay in the city, a Mangaluru court on Tuesday acquitted all the 39 accused persons, citing lack of sufficient evidence. HJV activist Subash Padil and 38 other accused persons were aquitted. » Page 3

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Google a monopolist, rules American judge in key anti-trust case

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

A U.S. judge on Monday handed Google a major legal blow, ruling in a landmark anti-trust case that it has maintained a monopoly with its dominant search engine.

District Court Judge Amit Mehta found that Google had a monopoly for search through exclusive distribution agreements that made it the "default" option that people were likely to use on devices.

"Google is a monopolist, and it has acted as one to maintain its monopoly," Mr. Mehta wrote in his ruling. It "has a major, largely unseen advantage over its rivals: default distribution," he wrote.

The Sherman Antitrust Act of the U.S. makes it illegal to monopolise or attempt to monopolise a market for products or services. The trial pitting U.S. prosecutors and nearly a dozen states against Google ended in May.

Google said it will appeal the verdict.

At the heart of the case was the massive payments made by Google to Apple and other companies to keep its search engine as the default on iPhones and web browsers.

Commercial activities now allowed in city till 1 a.m.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nightlife in Bengaluru can now officially last till 1 a.m.

The State government, in a recently issued order, allowed commercial activities in shops and establishments, including hotels and licensed bars, in the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) until 1 a.m.

In the Budget presented earlier this year, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had announced that in 10 mahanagara palikes, including Bengaluru, commercial activities would be allowed to continue till 1 a.m., keeping in mind the economy and business.

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Kamala Harris selects Walz as V-P nominee

Reuters

Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris selected Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to be her running mate on Tuesday, choosing a progressive policy champion and a plain speaker from the U.S. heartland to help win over rural, white voters.

Tim Walz

In a text message to supporters, Ms. Harris announced the selection of Mr. Walz, a 60-year-old U.S. Army National Guard veteran. "Tim is a battle-tested leader who has an incredible track record of getting things done for Minnesota families. I know that he will bring that same principled leadership to our campaign, and to the office of the Vice-President."

As Governor, he has pushed a progressive agenda that includes free school meals, goals to tackle climate change, tax cuts and more paid leave for Minnesota workers. An advocate for women's reproductive rights, he has also displayed a conservative bent, backing gun rights.

Govt. blinks on capital gains tax on real estate

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Facing a backlash over changes to the long-term capital gains tax regime announced in the Budget, including critiques from MPs within the National Democratic Alliance, the government has relented to grant some relief for property transactions.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced that the tax on long-term capital gains is being reduced from 20% with indexation benefits, to 12.5% without indexation benefits.

Two options

An amendment is being made to the Finance Bill, 2024, as per details circulated amongst Lok Sabha members, to enable taxpayers to choose either of these two tax rates that work out lower for them, in cases involving transfer of immovable assets like land and buildings acquired before July 23 this year.

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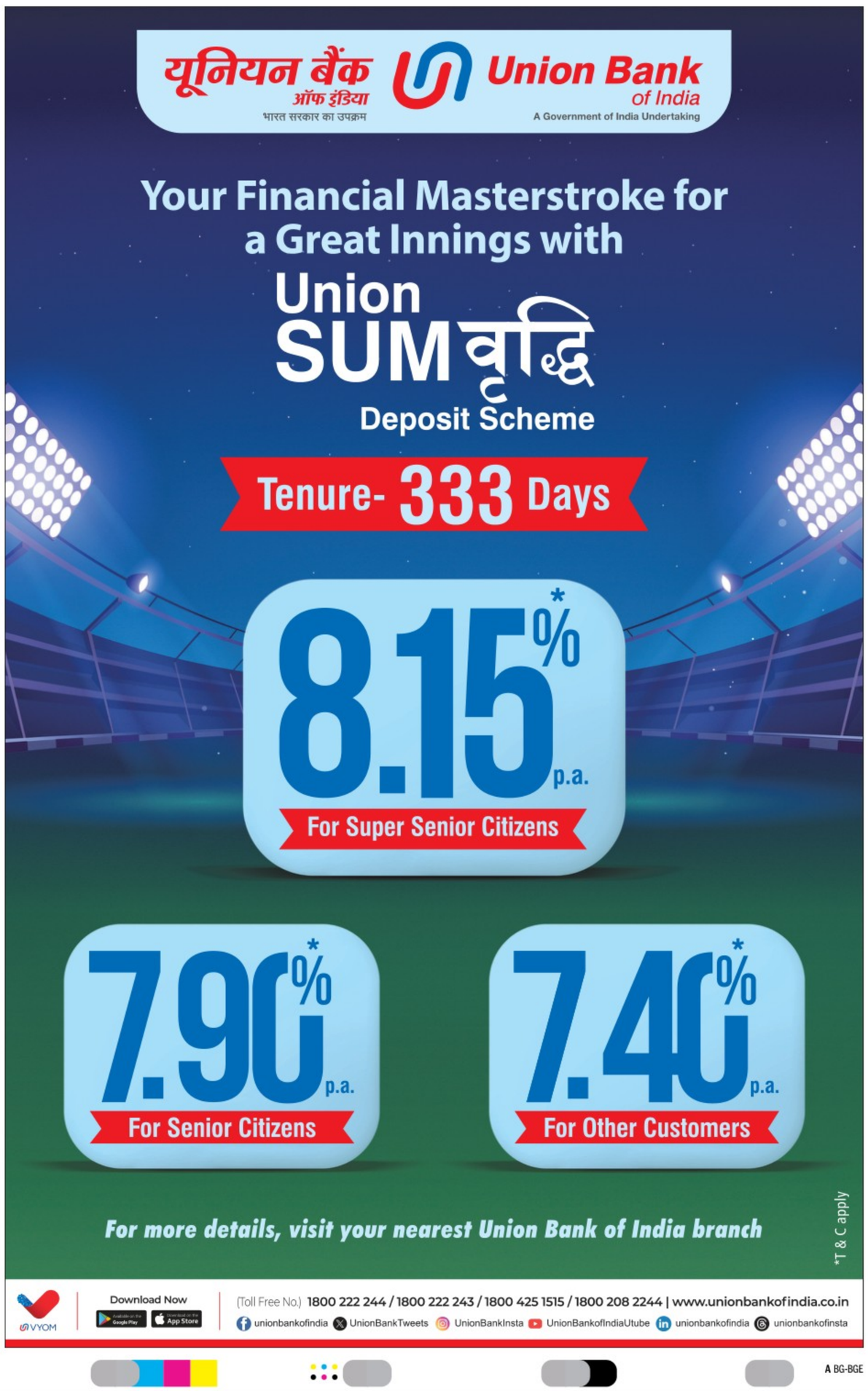
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Relentless Djokovic's golden coronation in Paris

With 99 titles, 24 Majors, the elusive Olympic gold, 1116 singles victories, and a win rate of 83.5%, the Serb has single-handedly put an end to a conversation spanning decades and has proved himself to be the best player to ever pick up a tennis racquet

Bhavin Shivaa

August 4 may have seemed to be an ordinary Parisian Sunday filled with laze and relaxation. It was anything but that in the world of tennis as Novak Djokovic cemented his status as the most prolific player in the Open Era.

The man, donning primarily red, fell to the hallowed red dirt of Court Philippe-Chatrier. Djokovic could not hold back his tears because he knew this was it. Nothing came close to how much the 99th title of his career meant. He had, at last, overcome his longest-standing hurdle.

Victory at the Summer Games – it was no more a distant dream, it was now a very real result of the endless work he had put in and one that he will undoubtedly hold closest to his heart.

Maybe it had to do with the mythical nature of the Olympiad. Maybe it had to do with conquering the unconquered in his fifth attempt. Or maybe, it had something to do with proving to the world, and himself to some degree, that he was not an outsider. That is what he had craved all along – not the never-ending stream of titles, not the 185 million USD in prize money, but acceptance. That Novak Djokovic is also a name that belongs in the same conversation as Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

He was always considered the 'third party' among the Big Three.

Before his entry, the existing rivalry at the forefront of men's tennis between the Swiss Federer and Spaniard Nadal was ideal from an audience's point of view.

Nadal's gritty warrior-like nature was the exact antithesis of Federer's graceful poise. It was the perfect clash of ideologies.

They went hand-in-glove with each other. It was the perfect pairing. And then, out of nowhere, came this boisterous Serbian talent, who turned pro at 15. Djokovic disrupted the fairytale storyline.

But none of that matters anymore.

The Serb had conquered his final peak and fittingly sealed his career Golden Slam with an Olympic gold, becoming only the fifth player to do so after Steffi Graff, Andre Agassi, Serena Williams and Nadal.

In his quest to etch his name in the tennis books as one of the greatest to ever do it, Djokovic has gone above and beyond and obliterated any room there may have been for debate.

With 99 titles, 24 Majors (10 Australian Open, three Roland-Garros, seven Wimbledon and four US Open), the elusive Olympic Gold, 1116 singles victories, and a win rate of 83.5%, Novak Djokovic has single-handedly put an end to a conversation spanning decades and has proved himself to be the best player to ever pick up a tennis racquet.

AFP

The final piece of the puzzle

Paris 2024 would mark Djokovic's fifth attempt at taking home the gold at the Summer Games, an uncharacteristically long wait for someone so used to winning everything he contests.

The closest the Serb had come before this was on his debut in Beijing 2008 when he came third after losing to nemesis Nadal before beating American James Blake in the bronze-medal match.

Djokovic began the 2012 season by winning his third Australian Open title after beating Nadal in the longest Grand Slam final in Open Era history, a true display of the Serb's grit and perseverance.

He reached the semifinals of the Olympics again but lost to the eventual champion, Andy Murray, and succumbed to Juan Martin del Potro in the bronze-medal encounter in London.

Rio 2016 and the pandemic-hit Tokyo Games produced similar disappointments when Djokovic crashed out in the first round to Del Potro in Brazil and lost the bronze-medal match to Pablo Carreno Busta in 2021.

The 10-time Australian Open winner began this year with a first loss in Melbourne since 2018, his only semifinal exit at the Rod Laver Arena, to Jannik Sinner.

At the Geneva Open, he claimed his 1100th win on his 37th birthday, becoming only the third Open player to do so after Jimmy Connors and rival Federer.

At French Open, he was forced to relinquish his crown and withdraw from the tournament due to a tear in his medial meniscus in the right knee.

> There are always doubts. But the belief and the conviction that I can make it is stronger than my doubts. It always has been. I knew that it's going to happen. It was just a matter of when it's going to happen.

Djokovic would then undergo surgery and return in time for the All-England Championships. He battled his way to the summit clash where he faced, yet another Spaniard, defending champion, Carlos Alcaraz.

Alcaraz coasted to a successful Wimbledon title defence as he humbled Djokovic by beating him in straight sets – 6-2, 6-2, 7-6(4).

The wunderkind, touted to be Nadal's next-in-line, seemed to have all the answers to the Serb's hopeful prods. Alcaraz managed to force 25 unforced errors out of the otherwise immaculate Djokovic on his way to the crown.

Tennis at the Paris Olympics brought with it a whole new spectrum of nuances. After eight days of scintillating action, the Men's singles finals beckoned.

Djokovic at last, or Alcaraz for the first time?

The Serb started strongly by winning the first game and Alcaraz returned the favour. The first real test for the 24-time Grand Slam winner came in the ninth game when Djokovic displayed his mettle as he saved not one, not two, but five break points to hold his serve and lead 5-4!

With both players holding their serve, the opening set of the gold medal match went into a tiebreak.

With Alcaraz down three set points, the Spaniard hit a cross-court forehand which Djokovic ever so deftly returned to take home the first set.

Standing tall

There he stood tall - clad in the red, blue and white of his homeland, on the red dirt of Court Philippe-Chatrier - as he thrust his arm in the air and held his pose. The perfect silhouette – the white cap, his piercing cheekbones, fist closed, the Lacoste wristband, even the sweat dripping down his forearm frozen in that moment.

The Serbian tennis titan resembled the steely resolve of a God emerging from Olympus. The ground quaking, almost like it was preparing for the inevitable. He was getting closer and you could smell the hunger, instilling in you a deathly fear.

The second set embarked in a similar fashion. One equal to the other, each holding his own in a demonstration of technique, grit, and discipline. Soon enough, the second set headed to a tiebreak as well.

REUTERS

> I can say that this is probably the biggest sporting success I have ever had

Djokovic claimed the opening point with a monster forehand. The usually composed Alcaraz turned feral. The frustration was taking over. He did well to level the score at 2-2. The Serb would go on to win the next four.

With four gold medal points, Novak Djokovic was on the receiving end of the serve. He was seconds away from the end.

Alcaraz's serve down the middle, Djokovic's return to the baseline, a below-par backhand to Djokovic, and a venomous forehand down the line later, it was over.

The 2024 Olympic gold medallist let out an extended grunt as he hit that last shot. He had done it.

The 37-year-old from Serbia turned to the crowd as he broke down. The man who had conquered tennis, on all fours, bawling like a baby. His thumb finger twitching amidst the incessant crying, Novak Djokovic's body was exorcising his demons of present and past. There was nothing left to do.

The Gods of the sport had deemed him worthy. It was time. As he was awarded the gold medal at the Paris Olympics 2024, Djokovic transcended tennis and assumed his throne, arguably at the centre, on the Mount Olympus of tennis.

THE GIST

Djokovic conquered his final peak and fittingly sealed his career Golden Slam with an Olympic gold, becoming only the fifth player, and third male, to do so after Steffi Graff, Andre Agassi, Rafael Nadal, and Serena Williams

DRI authorities unearth dried seahorse smuggling racket at KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) unearthed an international smuggling racket engaged in the illegal trade of dried seahorses at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on August 3.

Acting on specific intelligence, DRI officers apprehended three individuals linked to this syndicate at Terminal 1 of KIA.

The suspects were en route to Singapore via Mumbai on an Indigo flight when their checked baggage was examined, leading to the discovery of 6,626 seahorses.

All species of seahorses in India are classified under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, making their sale, purchase, and any form of utilisation illegal and punishable. Furthermore, the export of wild animals and marine species, including their parts and products, is prohibited.

Consequently, the seahorses were seized under provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, in conjunction with the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The three passengers have been arrested.

On August 4, the key figure orchestrating the smuggling operation and allegedly instrumental in coordinating the procurement and shipment of the seahorses to Singapore was apprehended in Bengaluru. Terming this as the biggest seizure of seahorses in recent times, the DRI said that the accused – aged around 30 – are from Tamil Nadu and work as mules.

According to the DRI, the demand for seahorses in Southeast Asian markets is primarily driven by their use in traditional medicine, gourmet cuisine, and as ornamental pieces for aquariums.

In traditional Chinese medicine, seahorses are prized for their supposed health benefits. Besides, they are considered a delicacy in some culinary traditions. Additionally, their unique appearance makes them popular among marine enthusiasts.

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Two drug peddlers held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Madiwala police on Tuesday arrested a 50-year-old peddler and recovered 4.1 kg of marijuana. The accused Shekhar Naidu was allegedly caught red-handed while waiting for his customers near Jakkasandra graveyard.

Based on information, a team of police arrested the accused. He used to source the drugs from a neighbouring State, the police said.

In another incident, the Yelahanka police arrested a peddler and recovered 2.6 kg of ganja.

The accused was arrested near a school where he was allegedly waiting for his customers.

He used to source the drugs from Odisha, the police said.

Two held for duping people at ATM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Subramanyapura police on Tuesday arrested two men from Bihar who allegedly used to replace cards of people coming to the ATM and cheat them.

The accused have been identified as Vivek Kumar, 28, and his associate Chunilal Kumar, 24, from East Champaran, Bihar. The police have recovered 37 cards of different banks and ₹7,500 worth of cash.

According to the police, the accused used to move around ATMs targeting gullible people. The duo, on the pretext of offering help, would replace the card and escape with the genuine card along with the PIN number.

Using this *modus operandi*, the accused took away the card of a man who had come to change the PIN at an ATM on Uttarahalli main road on July 31. The accused soon went to another ATM and withdrew ₹75,000. The victim, who got transaction alerts on his mobile phone, realised that he had been cheated and rushed to the bank and complained. The bank officials managed to block the transaction before alerting the police.

Based on the complaint, a team of police analysed CCTV camera footage and kept a watch on the ATMs before zeroing in on the accused.

In another incident, the Electronics City police arrested a man who had cheated a person of ₹61,500 after replacing his ATM card in Begur last month. The victim went home without realising that ₹61,500 had been withdrawn. After reaching his hometown, he realised the fraud and later, filed a complaint with the police. The police tracked down the accused and recovered 32 ATM cards and cash of ₹4,000 from him.

Police arrest habitual offender 'Escape' Karthik

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Pulakeshinagar police on Tuesday arrested 34-year-old Karthik alias Escape Karthik, a habitual offender allegedly involved in over 66 house-break thefts. Karthik, who had over 38 house-break theft cases pending against him in Bengaluru, was on the run for the last one year until the police pinned him down near Lingarajapuram underpass.

Karthik, who was declared as proclaimed offender by the court, is a resident of Kothanur and had allegedly committed thefts across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh.

A high school dropout, Karthik started committing theft when he was aged 16. He has been active in crime since 2005.

He once escaped from the Bengaluru Central Prison in 2007 by hiding in a vegetable van that had come to the prison to deliver vegetables and since then, his alias has been 'Escape'. A few years later, he managed to escape from Jeevan Bhima Nagar police custody while being escorted for spot inspection. The police caught him again.

The police said Karthik maintained a good physique and practised jumping and climbing high-rise buildings which helped him escape.

Man cons actor of ₹1.7 lakh after promising Tamil film

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Kannada film actor filed a cheating complaint against a man who offered to get her a role in a Tamil movie and escaped with ₹1.7 lakh.

Nandita K Shetty, in her complaint to the Konanakunte police, alleged that the accused Suresh Kumar offered to get her a role in an upcoming Tamil film and asked her to pay the money on the pretext of getting artist card, agreement, and also air ticket to Malaysia for shooting.

She said she noticed an advertisement seeking artists for the movie *Hunter* on social media and contacted the number given. The accused, claiming to be part of the director's team, spoke to her and offered to help her get the role. The police are trying to track down the accused based on the mobile phone number and online transaction details.

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No:E. 320678/359

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- **CRITICAL DATE SHEET**

Sl.	Scheduled	Start date	Start time	End date	End time
1	Publication of Tender	08-08-2024	05:00 pm	N/A	N/A
2	Tender Download	09-08-2024	10.00 am		
3	Pre-Bid Meeting	16-08-2024	12 noon		
4	Bid Upload	20-08-2024	11.00 am	31-08-2024	11.00am
5	Last date for withdrawal of bid			28-08-2024	5.00 pm
6	Bid opening (Technical)	31-08-2024	1.00 pm		
7	Bid opening (Commercial)	Will be intimated in due course			
8	Place of bid opening	Office of the Director of Information & Public Relations, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 / e-Procurement Cell, Guwahati			
9	Multi Media Presentation	02-09-2024 at 12 Noon at the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Last Gate, Dispur, Guwahati-781006			

- If there is a Government holiday on the day of opening of technical bid/financial bid, it will be opened on the next working day.
- The authority reserves the right to change any of the schedules, indicated in the Critical Date Sheet. The Department will not be liable for any delay in submission of the bids and system errors (if any).

Sd/-
Director
Information and Public Relations, Assam
Dispur, Guwahati-6

Janasanyog /C/1887/ 24/7-Aug-24

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of The Deputy Conservator of Forests,
BBMP, NR Square, Annex Building-3, Bengaluru-560002.

No. DCF/PR-994/2024-25/ Date: 06.08.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that the Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer. Gati Shakti Unit, 18th Millers Road, Bengaluru Cantonment. South Western Railway. Bengaluru, has submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of trees standing at Krishnarajapuram Diesel Locoshed yard premises for Creation of Infrastructure and Test Setup for homing of Additional Electrical Locomotives at Diesel Loco Shed at Krishnarajapuram. The details are given below:

Name of the Project	Creation of Infrastructure and Test Setup for homing of Additional Electrical Locomotives at Diesel Loco Shed at Krishnarajapuram
Name of the Agency	South Western Railway, Bengaluru
Purpose of removal of trees	The trees are standing at Krishnarajapuram Diesel Loco Shed inside yard premises within the project area for Creation of Infrastructure and Test Setup for homing of Additional Electrical Locomotives.
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS coordinates	Boundary 1: Lat 13.0043760, Long 77.6885060; 2: 13.0061260, 77.6881490; 3: 12.9995340, 77.6941320; 4: 13.0001870, 77.6895800 — Location: Krishnarajapuram Diesel Loco shed inside Yard Premises. Devasandra. KR Puram, Bengaluru
Enumeration of trees Total no. of tress standing in project area	128 Nos (Annexure-I) — Description of Trees, Species, Location, Area, etc., are uploaded in the website of BBMP for information of all. **(www.bbmp.gov.in)**
Total no. of trees proposed to be removed	128 Nos (Annexure-I)
Mode of communication of comments *(Public can send their comments either by E-mail/Post/Hand)*	**Address:** a. The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer. BBMP. N.R Square, Bangalore-560 002. **E-mail id: defbbmp12@gmail.com** b. The Dy CEE, RID, Gati Shakti Unit, Bengaluru Cantt. SWR Bengaluru. **E-mail id: gatishakti.elec@gmail.com*** * Comments communicated directly to Dy CEE, SWR, should also be marked a copy to the Tree-Officer/DCF, BBMP
Deadline for filing objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notification Newspaper * **Objections/Comments/Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project**

In view of the above, the suggestions/objections/comments are invited from citizens under Section 8 (3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.

Sd/- Tree Officer & Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP, Bengaluru

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I, CHANDRASHEKAR Singh Yadav S/o Ramjanam Yadav R/A Army Digital Mapping centre Bangalore, Hereby declare that actual date of birth of my daughter name: Aakanksha Yadav is 27.12.2005 and not 12.04.2006, vide affidavit Dated 22-12-2022, before Y.R. Chandrashekar. Bangalore-560032

I, GUMMIDIDODDI Vahab, residing at A-305,SRS White Pearl Apartment, Kithagnur main road, Halehalli, Bangalore-560036, hereby state that in my HAL Records bearing PB No : 106303 and Dept No: L315 my wife's name has appeared as S K Azeemunnisa instead of S Azeemunnisa and that both the names belong to the one and the same person and shall henceforth be referred to as S Azeemunnisa in all future references, vide affidavit dated 03.08.2024, sworn before the Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore - 560034

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KAVYA Prabhukumar, R/o No.25, DUO Residency, Jakkur Plantations, Bangalore–560064, have changed my minor daughter's from Nitara Ninesh Engoor to Nitara Kavya Prabhukumar.

I, Gaveesh Dattatray Prasad S/O, Dattatray Venkatraman Prasad R/o 118, Shreemata, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Vajapayee Nagar, Chikkallasandra, B'lore-560061 have changed my name to Gaveesh Prasad for all purposes.

I, SATHYA Priya.B, D/o. Service No.1358836X, Hav Late Krishnamurthy.R, declare that all the names Sathya Priya, Sathya Priya B and Sathya Priya K pertains to one and the same person i.e., myself and my correct DOB is 07/08/1980 and in the Service record of my father my DOB is recorded as 07/07/1980 and my name as Sathya Priya which is incorrect vide Affidavit Dated: 19/07/2024 sworn before Notary B.Seshagiri, Bengaluru.

I, REVANKUMAR Dudhe S/o Krishnarao Dudhe residing at Flat No. 1142, Sobha Hillview SS-1, Off Kanakapura Road, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru-560062 have changed my name to Revankumar Krishnarao Dudhe vide affidavit dated 06/08/2024 before Notary Meer Hassan Bengaluru.

TENDERS

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT
NO. 1 RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI - 1.

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION
NO.SWH/E-AUCTION-V/0029/2024/TC dt.07.08.2024

E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF 15 COLLIS ON LOT BASIS, LYING INSIDE CHENNAI PORT AREA IN " AS IS WHERE IS" CONDITION, ON 29/08/2024.

INSPECTION DATE : From : 08-08-24 to 28-08-24.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS LOG ON TO : WWW.CHENNAIPORT.GOV.IN OR https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/index_new.jsp

TRAFFIC MANAGER

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, POOJA R Shetty, W/o. Mohammed Afnan, residing at #73B, Main Road, Ulavi Vill & Post, Sorab Taluk, Shivamogga District 577434, Karnataka State, today camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name to Atiya Fathima vide Affidavit Dated: 05/08/2024, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

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1.Folio No.A000275, Certificate No-2000028, Distinctive nos from 17887 to 19166, Qty-1280, Name of the Share Holder-K.ARUNACHALAM
2.Folio No.A000275, Certificate No-425918, Distinctive nos from 1242755009 to 1242756288, Qty-1280, Name of the Share Holder-K.ARUNACHALAM
Sd/-
Chandrasekharan .A.
Thiruvananthapuram
Date:05-08-24

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HON'BLE MOTOR ACCIDENTS CLAIMS TRIBUNAL
(ADDITIONAL SUBJUDGE NO-IV), MADURAI
M.C.O.P.No. 10 / 2024
Arunkumar, S/o. Murugan ..... Petitioner
Vs
Ramasamy, S/o. Muthusamy, D.No.10/15, Kathalipalaga 17th Main, Koramangala 6th Block, Bangalore, State of Karnataka - 560095.
...1 st Respondent
NOTICE
Taken notice that the petitioner has filed the above main-claim petition on account of the injuries sustained by Arunkumar in a motor vehicle which took place on 16.08.2023 at about 06.00 Pm near Government Primary School, Sankarapuram in Rameswaram to Trichy Highways against you & 2nd respondent insurance company before this honourable court and the same stands posted to 02.09.2024 for the 1st respondent's appearance at 10.30 am. If the 1st respondent fails to appear before this Honourable court on that date and exparte order will be passed against 1st respondent in the above matter
/ by order /
G.Ravisankar B.Sc.,M.L., (MS.No.277/2003)
L.Rajeswari B.A.,LLB (MS.No.749/2022)
K.Mahendra Prabu (MS.No.8081/2021)
Advocates, Madurai.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BENGALURU
O. A. No. 1183/2023
Between
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
Versus
Hanuman Singh and Others
...Defendants
SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT No. 1 and 2 UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION
Defendants No. 1 and 2 :
1. Mr. Hanuman Singh, S/o. Mr. Shankar, Aged about 56 Years, Residing at 1/43, Halbarga, Bhalki taluk, Bidar, Karnataka- 585413, PAN No. MLSPS7907M, Phone No. 9844244045 Email: hsthakurhsthakur52@gmail.com
2. Mrs. Rajkumari, W/o. Hanuman Singh, Aged about 51 years, Residing at 1/43, Halbarga, Bhalki, Bidar, Karnataka - 585413, PAN No. FOJPR3123B, Phone No. 8971067553 Email: hsthakurhsthakur52@gmail.com
WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to banks and financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of Rs. 28,42,154.02/- (Twenty-Eight Lakhs Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty- Four and Two Paise Only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on 02/12/2024 at 11.00 A.M. in person or by pleader /Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this the 2nd day of July, 2024.
By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

Earthquake 2,500 years ago abruptly changed Ganga river's course

One piece of the puzzle remains: where did the earthquake originate? The researchers speculated in their paper that it was either born in the Indo-Burma mountain ranges or in the hills of Shillong, both places where the Indian and the Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Either way 'its impact was immense', they added

Sayantan Datta
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In the Y-shaped feature at the centre of this image, the Ganga river is visible as the branch on the left, flowing towards the Sundarban Delta at the bottom. GOOGLE EARTH

THE GIST

Researchers found two large sand dikes. These were the first proof that earthquakes can move rivers. In June 2024, they reported that an earthquake of magnitude 7 to 8 was responsible for shifting the Ganga more than two millennia ago

To date these events, a technique called optically stimulated luminescence dating was used. This method estimates how long a mineral grain has been buried by measuring the natural radiation stored in it

The discovery that earthquakes can trigger avulsions suggests they can be far more devastating than previously thought. 'The impact can be severe for populated regions like the Ganges-Meghna-Brahmaputra delta'

In 2018, geochronologist Elizabeth Chamberlain, an assistant professor at the Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands, and her team were in Bangladesh to study the movement of river channels in the Ganges delta. They were exploring an almost 2-km-wide "paleochannel" – a well-preserved mud and sand archive of the river's ancient course – about 45 km to the south of the modern Ganga river. Today, the area is used to cultivate rice.

Based on geological measures in this area, they found the Ganga had abruptly changed its course – or avulsed – about 2,500 years ago, leaving behind the palaeochannel.

During their fieldwork, the team also chanced upon two large sand dikes a kilometre to the east of the palaeochannel. These dikes are formed when earthquakes disturb the river bed and cause sediments to flow as if they were liquid. Scientists call this process liquefaction.

When Dr. Chamberlain's team spotted these sand dikes, they had a hunch they were looking at a "big event – the type that is rarely recorded and studied by scientists," she told this reporter. They were right: these sand dikes held the first proof that earthquakes can move rivers. In their June 2024 paper published in the journal *Nature Communications*, the team reported that an earthquake of magnitude 7 to 8 was responsible for shifting the course of the Ganga more than two millennia ago.

The study's findings call for urgent forecasting of major earthquakes that can cause avulsion of rivers like the Ganges, Till Hanebuth, a professor of marine geosciences at Coastal Carolina University in the U.S., said. He added that making decision-makers and the people at large aware of the risk is of paramount importance so they can prepare better for such events in future.

How earthquakes move rivers

The sand dikes and their composition, consisting of "fine sands" and "silty muds", as the researchers reported in their paper, provided conclusive evidence of a major ancient earthquake. The team figured that if this earthquake indeed caused the Ganga to avulse, the time of the earthquake and the time of avulsion should coincide.

To find the time when these two events occurred, Dr. Chamberlain used a technique called optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) dating. This method relies on estimating how long a mineral grain (i.e. a mineral particle less than a few millimetres in size, like quartz grains in sand or mud) has been buried by measuring the amount of natural radiation stored in it.

The researchers extracted mineral samples from the sand dikes and the paleochannel and treated the grains in these samples to light and heat. "As buried grains absorb low doses of natural radiation, energy builds up in their crystals," Dr. Chamberlain explained. This is because the natural radioactivity forces electrons in the minerals to escape their atoms and become trapped in the crystal structure – or the space between the atoms – of these minerals.

"The stored energy increases over time. By estimating how much energy is stored in the grains, and measuring how radioactive their surroundings are, we can obtain how long the grains have been buried," Dr. Chamberlain said.

To estimate the amount of energy stored, the researchers shine blue light on the grains, causing the trapped electrons to escape the crystal structure and return to the atoms. When they do so, they emit a photon of light. A photomultiplier tube captures the photons and estimates their number, leading to a measure of the trapped energy.

The subsequent OSL dating of samples from the paleochannel told the researchers that the avulsion occurred around 2,500 years ago. When the authors used the technique to date samples from the sand dikes and surrounding sand and mud, they found the dikes had been formed around the same time, strengthening their hypothesis that the earthquake led to the avulsion.

> Researchers found the Ganga had abruptly changed its course — or avulsed — about 2,500 years ago, leaving behind the palaeochannel

But one piece of the puzzle still remains: where did the earthquake originate? The researchers speculated in their paper that it was either born in the Indo-Burma mountain ranges or in the hills of Shillong, both locations where the Indian and the Eurasian tectonic plates meet. But "its impact was immense" irrespective of the origin, they wrote in their paper.

Future hazards

"This discovery that large earthquakes can potentially trigger major river avulsions suggests that the impact of large earthquakes can be even more devastating than previously thought," Vamsi Ganti, a sedimentologist and associate professor at the University of California, Santa-Barbara, said.

This is because, Dr. Ganti added, "avulsions have caused some of the deadliest floods in human history, and the cascading impacts of earthquakes and flooding can be severe for heavily populated regions like the Ganges-Meghna-Brahmaputra delta." One 2011 analysis estimated 630 million people to be living in the delta.

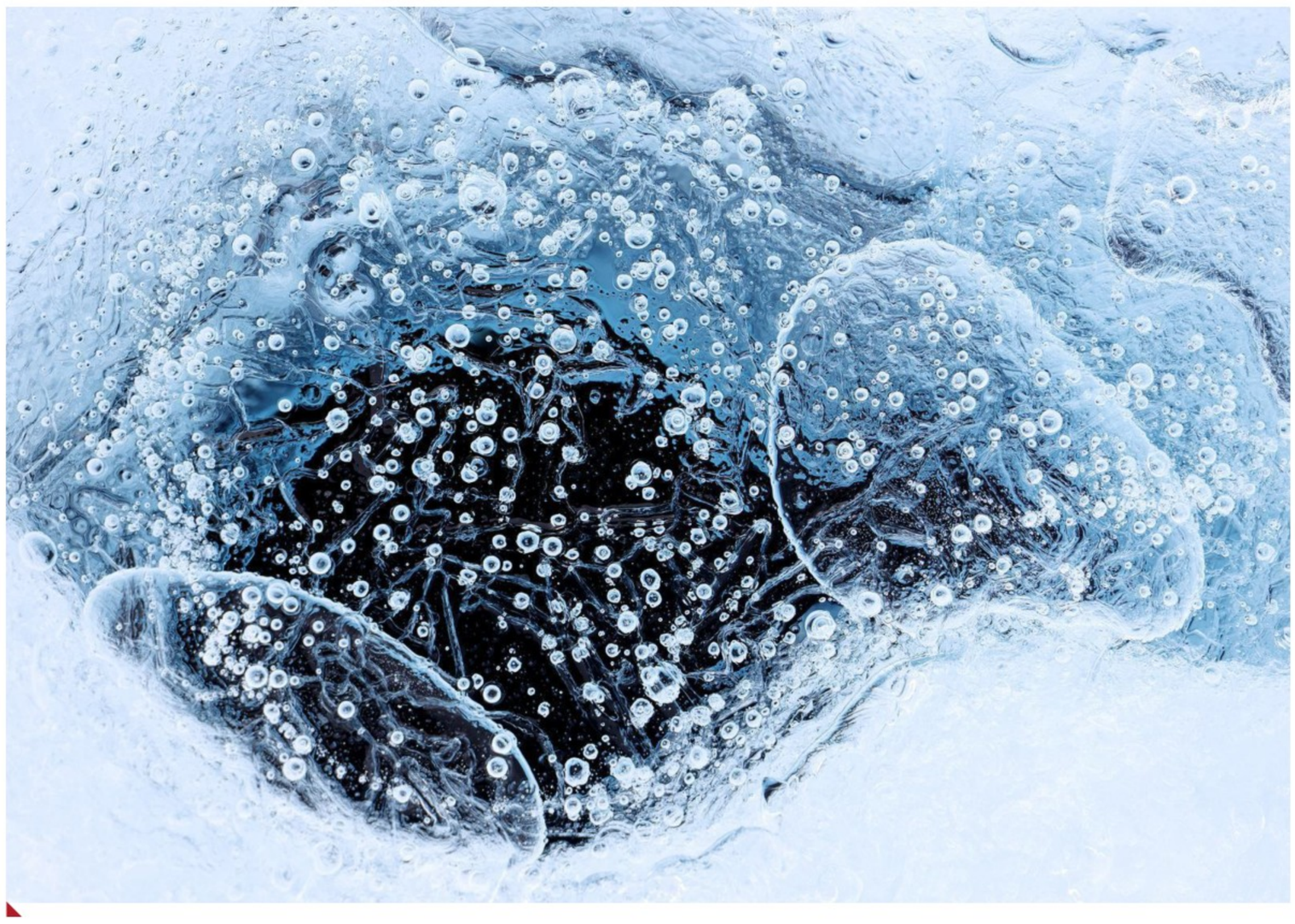
The risk is exacerbated by human activities and climate change, Dr. Hanebuth, the Coastal Carolina University geoscientist, said. According to him, rivers like the Ganges are more prone to avulsion now owing to two factors: the "rapid subsidence", i.e. sinking of the ground near the river banks due to "widespread embankment"; and climate-change-induced rise in sea levels and extreme weather events.

Dr. Hanebuth further said future research should focus efforts to find out how often such quake-driven avulsions have happened and how such major earthquakes can be forecast. He added that decision-makers and the residents of the Ganga delta should prepare themselves against the risk from such avulsions. Such preparedness would require India, Bangladesh and Myanmar to work "closely together in terms of research, monitoring, preparedness, and support coordination," he said.

"Geological and climatic issues of such magnitude do not care about political borders."

(Sayantan Datta is a science journalist and a faculty member at Krea University. The author tweets at @queersprings.)

BIG SHOT



Air bubbles lie trapped in water under a thin layer of evening ice in a hole created by cryoconite on the Isunnguata Sermia glacier of the Greenland Ice Sheet on July 9, this year. Cryoconite is a combination of dust, soot and other particles that accumulate in spots on the ice, absorb solar radiation, and melt the ice underneath to create small holes. Scientists have found that increasing amounts of meltwater on the surface of the glacier making their way to the glacial flows underneath are leading to a rising output of methane from Isunnguata Sermia. GETTY IMAGES

QUESTION CORNER

Dreams: a fleeting reality

Q: What is dreaming when we sleep?

A: A dream is an involuntary series of visual or auditory imagery, emotions, and thoughts occurring in the mind during sleep or a sleep-like state, which takes the form of a sequence of events or of a story, having a feeling of reality but totally lacking a feeling of free will. Dreams are primarily associated with REM and activated EEG. A combined duration of the REM-EEG condition called the D-state takes up 25% of normal sleep. The D-state depends on an area within the brain stem known as the pontine tegmentum. It is associated with a mechanism involving a chemical called norepinephrine. Other stages of sleep involve another chemical, serotonin, in the brain. The D-state is associated with variability in breathing, heart rate, and relaxation of skeletal muscles and reduction of electrical activity in muscles near the base of the tongue.

Research has found dreaming is associated with REM sleep. Most adults dream five to six times in one night. They occur every 90-100 minutes and last for 5-10 minutes because the D-state occurs episodically, each episode being longer than the preceding one. The pathways of the nerve impulses from the brain to the muscles are also blocked, so the body doesn't move during dreams.

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Mangaluru court acquits all 39 accused in homestay attack case

The incident had taken place on July 28, 2012, when 13 degree students had gathered for the birthday party of their friend at Morning Mist homestay

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

More than 12 years after the infamous assault and harassment of 13 college students at a homestay in the city, a Mangaluru court on Tuesday acquitted all the 39 accused persons, citing lack of sufficient evidence.

The 6th Additional District and Sessions Judge S.V. Kantharaju acquitted Hindu Jagarana Vedike (HJV) activist Subash Padil and 38 other accused persons.

On July 28, 2012, 13 degree students got together for the birthday party of their friend Vijay, an event management firm employee, and his friend at the Morning Mist homestay, about 500 metres from Padil Junction, in Mangaluru.

A group of 40 HJV activists led by Subhash Padil trooped into the homestay around 6 p.m. Among the victims assaulted included the daughter of the then police inspector with Lokayukta Police.

Three video journalists recorded the attack.

The HJV activists were accused of assaulting the students and misbehaving with the girls. The victims alleged that the activists forced five girls to sit along with a male friend, who was bare-chested, in a room and their videos and photographs were taken.

The videos and photographs of the incident were widely circulated, and this caused them immense mental trauma, the victims had told the police.

Just as video journalist Naveen Soorinje, who witnessed the attack, aired the news of the incident, the local Mangaluru Rural police rushed to the place to safely take the victims to the police station and then to the hospital for treatment. The city police arrested a total of 44 persons, including journalists Soorinje and Sharanraj, and filed a chargesheet. Following the decision of the State government, the court discharged Soorinje on January 4, 2018.

Meanwhile, three accused persons died, and one accused, who was a minor, was acquitted by the Juvenile Justice Board. A total of 39 accused faced the trial before the court.

In the evidence, complainant Mr. Vijay and one of the girl victims had told the entire sequence of the events.

Though other victims talked about the assault, they failed to identify their assaulters. The prosecution produced before the court the photographs and videos related to the incident.

A total of 45 witnesses were examined.

Timeline

- Thirteen undergraduate students were attacked during a birthday party at a homestay in Mangaluru on July 28, 2012, by around 40 Hindu Jagaran Vedike activists
- Three video journalists captured the incident and it was aired in different channels
- The police arrested 44 people, including two video journalists, in the case
- The 6th Additional Sessions Court examined 45 witnesses between September 2019 and April 2024
- During the trial, three accused persons died and one minor accused was acquitted
- On August 6, 2024, the court acquitted all the 39 accused persons

Consumers can re-register when they shift homes

GRUHA JYOTHI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Consumers can finally delink their old RR (Revenue Registration) number and link it with the new one to avail the benefits of Gruha Jyothi when they shift homes. The option became functional from Tuesday.

This was a long-standing demand from consumers.

Consumers can use the link https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in/GruhaJyothi_Delink/GetAadhaarData.aspx to delink their old numbers.

The Energy Department also advised consumers to clear their cache memory and try the process if they face glitches. Consumers can also visit the department's website or call customer service for assistance.

The option became operational on the first anniversary of the formal inauguration of the scheme.

Health Dept. to launch 'Changing Diabetes Barometer' under PPP mode

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To introduce a holistic approach for focussed diabetes care as part of the Outpatient Department (OPD) consultations in Karnataka, the State Health Department is all set to launch the 'Changing Diabetes Barometer' (CDB) programme. Under the programme, the department will develop Community Diabetes Centres in all its facilities, including primary health centres, across the State.

The CDB programme is aimed at mapping the impact of diabetes on a real-time basis, promoting early diagnosis, and treatment options along with lifestyle modifications.

To facilitate this, the department on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Novo Nordisk Education Foundation (NNEF), a non-profit organisation set up by Novo Nordisk India. The MoU was signed between Naveen Bhat Y., State Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), and Vikrant Shrotriya, NNEF Managing Trustee.

Pilot phase

In the pilot phase, the community diabetes centres will be set up in three districts - Bengaluru Urban, Dakshina Kannada, and Yadgir - and later expanded to all districts.

Diabetes continues to be a major health concern not just for Karnataka but for the entire nation. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in its recent study highlighted that India has around 101 million people living with diabetes and another 136 million people in pre-diabetic stages.

Under the partnership, the objective is to improve overall diabetes care ecosystem in the State through several interventions - creating awareness and advocacy for diabetes among the masses, a 360-degree up-skilling and training model for doctors and healthcare workers at primary and secondary healthcare facilities, improved infrastructural support, digitisation support and education and counselling for lifestyle modification via Information, Education and Communication material.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, who along with top officials, signed the MoU, said: "We are committed to upgrading our health ecosystem and healthcare services to address the unmet needs of people living with various NCDs and promote the overall well-being of all citizens."

Early detection

State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said there is an alarming rise in the number of people diagnosed with diabetes and those in pre-diabetic stage. "We need active measures to ensure early detection through screening and referral at primary and community level. There is a need to create awareness around Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in a user-friendly way. This can lead to lifestyle modifications, thereby reducing the burden of diabetes," he said.

Poster-making competition

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U.R. Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru, has invited students and the public to participate in a poster making competition on 'Past, Present and Future of Space Technology and its Applications'. The competition is part of the National Space Day celebrations to commemorate the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the surface of the moon on August 23.

The image file of the poster has to be mailed to nsdposter@ursc.gov.in by August 7. Students must attach a copy of the ID card issued by school and college along with the poster.

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DCET-2024: Candidates allowed to select choices till tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced that choice selection for candidates allotted engineering seats through DCET-2024 will be allowed till August 8. H. Prasanna, executive director of KEA, said the deadline has been extended owing to delay in fee payment caused by incessant rain across the State. As a result, the second round of seat allotment has been halted, and a revised schedule will be published soon. Candidates who selected choice 1 and choice 2 in the first round should download their challan by August 8, pay the fees by August 9, and report to their respective colleges by August 10.

Candidates who have completed admission process for architecture course through DCET 2024 but have not submitted their NATA marks to KEA should visit the KEA office to submit them and obtain their rank. Subsequently, they can participate in the second round of seat allotment.

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Cases filed against sitting/ex-legislators, and politicians by ED

132 The ED filed 15 Enforcement Case Information Reports (ECIRs) in 2019, 28 in 2020, 26 in 2021, 34 in 2022, 26 in 2023 and three in 2024 (till July 31). PTI

The increase in the price of vegetarian thali in India

11 In per cent. The average cost of a veg thali in India, which consists of roti, vegetables (onions, tomatoes and potatoes), rice, dal, curd and salad was ₹32.6 per plate in July 2024 against ₹29.4 per plate in June 2024. PTI

Amount of loans written off by banks in last five financial years

9.9 In lakh crore. The Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said that during 2023-24, bank loan write-off was at ₹1.70 lakh crore, as against ₹2.08 lakh crore in the previous fiscal. PTI

The share of Indian districts that are prone to extreme heat waves

84 In per cent. According to a report by IPE Global Limited and Esri India Technologies, 70% of districts are experiencing a rise in the frequency and intensity of extreme rainfall events. PTI

Manipur's proposal to the MHA for Cyclone Remal damages

371 In crore. The cyclone and subsequent flooding resulted in nine deaths and extensive damage to homes, agriculture, and infrastructure. PTI

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On U.P.'s stringent anti-conversion law

Why was the original 2021 anti-conversion law amended by the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on July 30? What are its concerning features? What does it state about bail conditions and 'foreign funding'? How is it different from other similar laws in BJP-ruled States?

EXPLAINER

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:
The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly on July 30 passed the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2024, altering the original 2021 anti-conversion law by making its provisions more draconian and susceptible to misuse.

Why was the amendment proposed?
According to the Bill's statement of reasons, the existing legislation needed to be made "as stringent as possible" owing to the alleged "organised and well-planned" involvement of "foreign and anti-national elements and organisations" in demographic change due to unlawful conversion. State government data reveals that between January 1, 2021, and April 30, 2023, 427 cases were registered under the Act.

Does it increase penalties?
Earlier, a person convicted of unlawful conversion faced a minimum prison term of one year and a maximum of five years, along with a fine of ₹15,000. Under the amended Bill, the minimum term has been raised to five years, and maximum to 10 years. The fine has also been increased to ₹50,000. For unlawful conversions involving a minor, a woman, or a person belonging to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, the penalty has been increased from a prison term of 2-10 years to 5-14 years. The minimum fine has also been raised from ₹25,000 to ₹1 lakh.

The amendment also introduces two new categories of offences. First, the newly added sub-section to Section 5 mandates a prison term of 7 years, extendable to 14 years, for anyone who secures "foreign" funds or funds from "illegal institutions for the purpose of unlawful conversion". They will also be required to pay a fine of ₹10 lakh. Second, if the accused causes any person to "fear of his life or property, assaults or uses force, promises or instigates marriage, conspires or induced any minor, woman or person to traffics or otherwise sells them", they shall be punished with a minimum 20 years imprisonment which can be extended to life imprisonment.

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Who can register a complaint?
Under Section 4 of the original Act, only "any aggrieved person" or "his/her parents, brother, sister, or any other person who is related to him/her by blood, marriage or adoption" was authorised to file a criminal complaint for unlawful conversion. Despite this restriction, police authorities were reportedly allowing FIRs to be lodged at the behest of right-wing activists and other unauthorised third parties. However, the amendment now grants legitimacy to such third-party complaints. The revised provision stipulates that "any person" can file an FIR related to any violation of the Act.

What about provisions for bail?
The amendment introduces stringent "twin conditions of bail" identical to those under statutes such as the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. All offences related to unlawful conversion are now cognisable and non-bailable and can only be adjudicated upon by a sessions court or higher judicial forums.

Under the revised Section 7, an accused cannot be granted bail without first providing the public prosecutor an opportunity to contest the bail application. Further, if the public prosecutor opposes such a plea, the sessions court may grant bail only if "there are reasonable grounds for believing that [the accused] is not guilty of such offence" and that he or she is unlikely to commit any crime if released on bail. The reverse burden of proof on the accused renders it virtually impossible for anyone to obtain bail until the completion of the trial.

What about other States?
In addition to Uttar Pradesh, States such as Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Arunachal Pradesh have had anti-conversion laws for decades, while Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Uttarakhand have implemented such laws more recently.

Most of these laws require individuals intending to convert, or those facilitating conversions, to notify the government. In Madhya Pradesh, the law mandates a 60-day prior "declaration of the intention to convert" to the District Magistrate for the conversion to be valid. Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand require a 30-day prior notice. In contrast, Uttar Pradesh not only mandates a 60-day notice but also requires the Magistrate to conduct a police inquiry to ascertain the true intention behind the conversion. Another notable distinction is that other States confine the filing of FIRs to the aggrieved individual or their immediate family, thus excluding third parties with potential vested interests from initiating any legal action. The "twin conditions of bail" which impose a high threshold for securing interim release, are also absent in other State laws. With respect to punishment, none of the other States prescribe life imprisonment, instead, sentences vary between 2 to 10 years.

What happens next?
The constitutional validity of the amendment is likely to be challenged before the top court. A batch of petitions challenging the parent legislation and other anti-conversion laws are pending adjudication before a Bench. In May, in a separate case, a Bench had orally remarked that certain provisions of the 2021 Act appear to contravene Article 25 of the Constitution which guarantees the freedom of religion.

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Has the U.K. changed its stance on ICC arrest warrants?

Has an arrest warrant been issued against Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu? Does the International Criminal Court have jurisdiction over Palestine?

Garimella Subramaniam

The story so far:
On July 26, Britain abandoned its intent to challenge the prosecutor's application for arrest warrants before the International Criminal Court (ICC) against Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant. The latest move signals a second policy shift by the Labour government, from the previous Conservative government, after it restored funding for the UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees.

What is the dispute about?
The chief prosecutor of the Hague Court, Karim Khan, on May 20, applied to the pre-trial chamber to serve arrest warrants against Hamas leaders Ismail Haniyeh and Mohammed Deif (since killed) and Yahya Sinwar, as well as Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Gallant. The move was consequent to the brutal fallout from Hamas's Operation al-Aqsa flood on October 7, 2023, and Israel's Operation Iron Swords in retaliation. The prosecutor asserted that there were reasonable grounds to believe that all of them bore criminal responsibility for war crimes and crimes against humanity. One pointed reference in Mr. Khan's application was to Tel Aviv's alleged intentional starvation of civilians as a method of warfare, a war crime under the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

What was the U.K.'s previous stance?
The Conservative government opposed the ICC's application for arrest warrants on Israeli leaders. The former prime minister Rishi Sunak called the move "deeply unhelpful." U.K. lawyers maintained that the question of the Court's jurisdiction over Israeli citizens had to be ascertained before arrest warrants could be served to Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Gallant. This was necessary, they argued, given that the state of Palestine was not allowed to exercise criminal jurisdiction over Israeli citizens under the 1993 Oslo Accords, which has been superseded by the 1998 Rome Statute.

What is the ICC jurisdiction issue?
In 2019, then chief prosecutor Fatou Bensouda deemed it fit to seek further confirmation regarding the ICC's jurisdiction in Palestine since it was an occupied territory rather than a sovereign state. On February 5, 2021, the Hague Court ruled that it could exercise criminal jurisdiction in occupied Palestinian territories, and that its reach extended to Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. The Court also made it categorical that its jurisdiction covered crimes committed by nationals of states-parties and by nationals of non-states-parties on the territory of a country. Thus, Israel's refusal to ratify the Rome Statute is not directly relevant since the ICC prosecutes individuals and not countries, including citizens from states that are not signatories to the treaty.

Weeks after the February 2021 ruling, the ICC launched investigations into alleged war crimes in Palestinian territory, including the 2014 Gaza war and the illegal construction of settlements in the occupied territory.

What are the implications for Israel from U.K.'s current stance?
In the wake of the removal of Britain's objections to the prosecutor's actions, it may be a matter of time before the ICC issues arrest warrants against the five leaders. In that event, Prime Minister Netanyahu would earn the dubious distinction of becoming the first head of government backed by western countries to be indicted by the ICC. Such a scenario would expose Israel's allies, especially the U.S., to immense domestic opposition against the supply of arms to that country. Tel Aviv already faces charges of genocide in the International Court of Justice and would face further isolation around the world. A potential indictment would severely restrict Mr. Netanyahu's travels, with the imminent risk of being detained by any of the 124 signatory states to the ICC. Conversely, the Hague Court, already under attack for its narrow focus on investigating impunities among African countries, faces the risk of undermining its relevance should the judges decide not to proceed against Israel.

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BMTC electric bus catches fire amid traffic

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amidst traffic chaos during heavy rain, an electric bus of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) heading towards Goraguntepalya caught fire after breaking down near the Hebbal BWSSB office on Monday night.

Passengers got down minutes before fumes started coming out of the vehicle. No one was hurt. The bus was heading to Goraguntepalya from Tin Factory.

As heavy rain led to inundation on the city's roads, the bus came to a halt. The driver attempted to start the bus multiple times, but it did not move. Passengers were asked to deboard and were shifted to another bus.

A few minutes later, fumes started coming out of the bus. Driver Dasharath and conductor Narasimha Raju stepped out of the bus. Fire safety officials were called and they managed to douse the fire.

Bengaluru faced significant disruption on Monday evening as heavy rain caused severe traffic jam across the city. The downpour on Monday, which was accompanied by thunder and lightning, led to waterlogging and brought traffic to a near standstill in numerous areas. Rainfall continued late into the night. However, no casualties were reported.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The Outer Ring Road (ORR) between Nagavara and Hebbal was notably affected, with Hebbal Junction, a crucial route to Kempegowda International Airport, experiencing intense flooding. This led to significant disruptions in airport traffic.

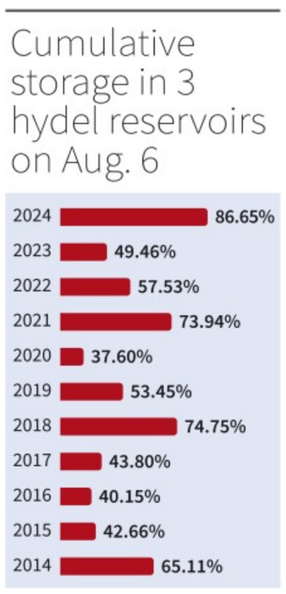
Heavy rains push up storage in hydel reservoirs to record level

Linganamakki, Supa and Mani had cumulative storage of 49% in Aug. 2023 as against 86% now

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

The recent spell of heavy rains in Karnataka's Western Ghats region has brightened its power scenario as the cumulative storage in all three major hydel reservoirs of the State has increased to a record level of 86% as against the level of 49% during the corresponding period last year.

Officials of KPCL observe that this is the first time in recent years that the cumulative storage has touched such a high level within a span of a little over two months of the monsoon period. Generally, the storage in these reservoirs reaches the maximum or near the maximum by September. But copious rains in the Western Ghats in the last few weeks have resulted in these reservoirs getting a high quantum of inflows.



In fact, the last 10 years' data shows the only other highest level by this corresponding period was in 2018, when the cumulative storage had touched 74.75%, followed by 73.94% in 2021.

The three major hydel reservoirs of Linganamakki, Supa and Mani had a cumulative storage of 49.46% on August 6, 2023, as against 86.65% now.

In terms of energy availability, the present cumulative storage could help generate 7,529 million units as against the previous year's 4,298 million units.

This would mean that the State can generate an average of 22.88 million units of energy a day till June 30, 2024, which marks the beginning of the next water year for the power sector as these reservoirs would start reporting significant inflows then. As against this, the State was in a position to generate an average of 13.06 Million Units a day last year.

Experts in the power sector have been emphasising that healthy storage in hydel reservoirs is key to the management of peak power demand in a state like Karnataka, which witnesses the shooting of demand during peak hours. In addition to this, the availability of hydel power to the maximum potential reduces the financial burden for the Escoms as well as consumers as the average cost of power generation from these three major hydel reservoirs is cheaper compared with other sources.

The break-up of storage shows that Linganamakki accounts for the highest storage of 93.74%, which can help generate 4,272 MU of energy, followed by Supa, which has reported 82.85% storage that can generate 2,617 MU of energy. The storage in the Mani reservoir is only 65.75%.

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Sl No. 1. Survey No 132/1, Archana Mahesh wife of P.S Uma Mahesh, 2 Acre 1 Guntas.
Sl No. 2. Survey No 132/2, Archana Mahesh wife of P.S Uma Mahesh, 1 Acre 4 Guntas.
Sl No. 3. Survey No 135/1A1, Narayana Swami son of Late Motappa, 0 Acre 38 Guntas.
Sl No. 4. Survey No 135/2, Chada Vasanta Represented by S.P A Puli Prabhakar , 1 Acre 15 Guntas.
Sl No. 5. Survey No 135/3, Manjunatha son of late Narayan Swami, 0 Acre 20 Guntas and Ramesh son of late Motappa, 0 Acre 20 Guntas.
Sl No. 6. Survey No 135/5, C Vijayalakshmi D/o. late C. Channappa, 1 Acre 30 Guntas.
Sl No. 7. Survey No 136/2, Archana Mahesh D/o. Ulhanan Joseph, 1 Acre 25 Guntas.
Sl No. 8. Survey No 136/3, Sunita Shailendra wife of Shailendra C.M, Shailendra C. M son of late Mrutyunjayappa, 0 Acre 20 Guntas.
Sl No. 9. Survey No 136/4, Ashok K. M son of Muni Kempanna.K, 0 Acre 5 Guntas.
Sl No. 10. Survey No 136/5, B.S Somashekar son of Sanjeevappa, 0 Acre 7 Guntas.
Sl No. 11. Survey No 136/6, B. S. Gangadhar son of B.Sadashivayya, 1 Acre 0 Guntas.

Any Person/s, Firm, Company or Society etc., asserting any right/s, interest, title or claim/s or demand/s in respect of the aforesaid Schedule Properties or any part/s thereof, having any objection/s to sale transaction proposed in favour of our Client, is/are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing, within 15 days from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, along with relevant documentary proof. If no such written objections/claims are received by the undersigned within the aforesaid period, our Client shall conclude the sale transaction affirming that there are no claim/s and/or objection/s, whatsoever, with regard to aforesaid Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE

1) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.132/1 measuring 02 Acre 01 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land belonging to Bhadramamma;
West by : land belonging to Annand;
North by : land belonging to Archana Mahesh; and
South by : land belonging to Subbharayappa;

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West by : land belonging to Annand;
North by : land belonging to Archana Mahesh; and
South by : land belonging to Subbharayappa;

3) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.135/1A1 measuring 00 Acre 38 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
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West by : land bearing Survey No.7;
North by : land bearing Survey No.135/3; and **South by :** land bearing Survey No.135/4;

4) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.135/2 measuring 01 Acre 15 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
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North by : land belonging to Basavaraj; and **South by :** land belonging Srinivas;

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North by : land bearing Survey No.135/5; and **South by :** land bearing Survey No.135/1A1;

6) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.135/5 measuring 01 Acre 30 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
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West by : Gomala;
North by : land belonging Jutti Narayanappa; and
South by : Remaining portion of same survey number;

7) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/2 measuring 01 Acre 25 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land belonging Kariyappa;
West by : land belonging Ramakka
North by : land belonging to Srinivas; and
South by : land belonging Gopalrao;

8) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/3 measuring 00 Acre 20 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land belonging to B.S. Gangadhar;
West by : land belonging to Muniraju;
North by : land belonging to Chikka Nanjappa; and
South by : land belonging to Ashwathamma;

9) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/4 measuring 00 Acre 05 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
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North by : land belonging B.K.Meena; and
South by : land belonging to B.S. Somashakar;

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Sl No. 13. Survey No 136/8, R Sridhar son of late N Ramachandrappa, 2 Acre 0 Guntas.
Sl No. 14. Survey No 136/9, V.P Sheela Reddy D/o. P Venkatarami Reddy, 0 Acre 24 Guntas.
Sl No. 15. Survey No 136/10, V.P Sheela Reddy D/o. P Venkatarami Reddy, 0 Acre 8 Guntas.
Sl No. 16. Survey No 136/11, V.P Sheela Reddy D/o. P Venkatarami Reddy, 0 Acre 24 Guntas.
Sl No. 17. Survey No 136/12, Chikkanjianappa son of late Anjianappa, 0 Acre 24 Guntas.
Sl No. 18. Survey No 136/13, V.P Sheela Reddy D/o. P Venkatarami Reddy, 0 Acre 24 Guntas.
Sl No. 19. Survey No 136/14, Sumitra D/o. Bylappa, 0 Acre 1.08 Guntas.
Sl No. 20. Survey No 136/15, Chikka Anjinamma D/o. of Bylappa, 0 Acre 7.08 Guntas.
Sl No. 21. Survey No 136/16, B Muniraju son of Bylappa, 0 Acre 2 Guntas.
Sl No. 22. Survey No 138/2B, Gopalappa son of Kattali Palya Channarayappa, 00 Acre 37 Gunta excluding 10 Guntas Kharab in all total 01 Acre 07 Guntas.

Any Person/s, Firm, Company or Society etc., asserting any right/s, interest, title or claim/s or demand/s in respect of the aforesaid Schedule Properties or any part/s thereof, having any objection/s to sale transaction proposed in favour of our Client, is/are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing, within 15 days from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, along with relevant documentary proof. If no such written objections/claims are received by the undersigned within the aforesaid period, our Client shall conclude the sale transaction affirming that there are no claim/s and/or objection/s, whatsoever, with regard to aforesaid Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE

12) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/7 measuring 00 Acre 20 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land belonging to Anjinappa;
West by : land belonging to Dobhi Krishnappa;
North by : land belonging to Annayappa; and **South by :** land belonging to Gopalappa;

13) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/8 measuring 02 Acre 00 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land belonging to Ittappa @ Muniga;
West by : land belonging to Talawati Anjanappa;
North by : land belonging to Venkataswamy S/o Chikka Venkataramanapp; and Appayyanna
South by : land belonging to B.R.Gopal Roa and B.R.Shankarappa;

14) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/9 measuring 00 Acre 24 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land belonging to Chikkabailappa;
West by : land belonging H Nagarajappa;
North by : land belonging Kuri Appayanna and Hahumanthrayappa; and
South by : land belonging Madhu and Shankarappa;

15) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/10 measuring 00 Acre 08 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land bearing Survey No.136/6;
West by : land bearing Survey No.136/8;
North by : land bearing Survey No.136/4; and **South by :** land bearing Survey No.136/5;

16) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/11 measuring 00 Acre 24 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land belonging to Chikka Anjinappa;
West by : land belonging Anjinaya;
North by : land belonging Kuri Appayanna and Hahumanthrayappa; and
South by : land belonging Madhu and Shankarappa;

17) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/12 measuring 00 Acre 24 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land bearing Survey No.136/13;
West by : land bearing Survey No.136/11;
North by : land bearing Survey No.138/21; and
South by : land bearing Survey No.133/3;

18) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/13 measuring 00 Acre 24 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land belonging to Subbamma, Bailappa and Ramakka;
West by : land belonging to Chikka Anjinappa;
North by : land belonging Kuri Appayanna and Hahumanthrayappa; and
South by : land belonging Madhu and Shankarappa;

19) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/14 measuring 00 Acre 01.08 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land bearing Survey No.136/8;
West by : land bearing Survey No.136/13;
North by : land bearing Survey No.136/15; and
South by : land bearing Survey No.136/1;

20) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/15 measuring 00 Acre 07.08 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land bearing Survey No.136/8;
West by : land bearing Survey No.136/13;
North by : land bearing Survey No.136/16; and
South by : land bearing Survey No.136/15;

21) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.136/16 measuring 00 Acre 02 Gunta, situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land bearing Survey No.136/8;
West by : land bearing Survey No.136/13;
North by : land bearing Survey No.138/6; and **South by :** land bearing Survey No.136/15;

22) All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land bearing Survey No.138/2B measuring 00 Acre 37 Gunta excluding Kharab 10 Gunta total 01 Acre 07 Gunta situated at Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded on
East by : land bearing Survey No.138/27;
West by : land bearing Survey No.138/1;
North by : land bearing Survey No.139 & Road; and **South by :** land bearing Survey No.138/28;

Advocate H S HAYATH KHAN
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Award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Digital media house, Book Brahma, has introduced the 'Book Brahma Sahithya Puraskara', a lifetime achievement award for writers. The recipient for the 2024 award will be announced at the festival at St. John's Auditorium in Koramangala, from August 9-11.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE NO. : 25MECHFIRE EXTINGUISHERS Dated-30-07-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Item of work	Approximate value
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Fire Extinguishers in C&W Depots, primary maintained trains of Hubballi division for a period of Two years	Rs. 76,53,881.20

Last date of submission of bid for tender **Up to : 15.00 Hours on 21.08.2024**
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Co-Ordination), Hubballi
PUB/321/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

CONTRACTUAL HIRING : RESIDENT LADY WARDEN

1. Applications are hereby invited for position of resident lady Warden in **War Memorial Hostel, MEG & Centre.**
2. **Duties.**
   (a) Look after the discipline, welfare and administrative of hostel students (Girls & Boys)
   (b) Ensure daily routine including studies, timely issue of meals, hygiene of students and overall supervision.
3. **Facilities on contractual employment.**
   (a) Monthly Pay 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only)
   (b) Free Messing.
   (c) Free boarding.
   (d) Free water and electricity.
4. **Terms.**
   (a) Must be over 38 years of age.
   (b) Must be able to speak Hindi / English (Mandatory).
   (c) Minimum education qualification – Graduate in any discipline.
5. All applications must reach Secretary WMH, HQ, MEG & Centre, Shivanchetty Garden, Ulsoor Lake. **Last date for submission of applications is 31 Aug 2024**
   Contact No 6005317267 & 6397506585.

PUNJAB EFFLUENT TREATMENT SOCIETY FOR TANNERIES (PETS) #58-LEATHER COMPLEX, KAPURTHALA ROAD, JALANDHAR

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
Website:- https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

Tender Ref: PETS/CETP/ Upgradation/2024-25/01

The Administrative Officer, Punjab Effluent Treatment Society for Tanneries, #58-Leather Complex, Kapurthala Road, Jalandhar, on behalf of Deputy Commissioner Jalandhar-cum-Chairman, Interim Committee, Punjab Effluent Treatment Society for Tanneries invites bids in Electronic Tendering System for the Upgradation of 500MLD capacity tannery Common Effluent Treatment Plant on the basis of the costs estimate approved by Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (Leather Section), Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi as per eligibility criteria mentioned in DNIT. The bid document is available online, bids are to be submitted online through e-procurement portal https://eproc.punjab.gov.in only. Bids submitted manually will not be accepted.
For detailed terms & conditions please visit website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
Further corrigendum / amendment shall be published at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
Pre-Bid meeting will be held on dt.19.08.2024 at 11:30AM at PETS Office and Closing Date & Time for the tender is 29.08.2024 upto 04:00 PM.
The interested bidders / Agencies may contact the undersigned on e-mail or telephonically for any query.

Administrative Officer, PETS,
For Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar-cum-Chairman, Interim Committee, PETS for Tanneries.
Email: p.pets@yahoo.in
Mob: +91 98147 16229
NA/12/24612/2023/36414

TAMILNADU INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN-U65993TN1965SGC005327

e-TENDER NOTICE NO. TIDCO/TNTECH/24-25/01
DATE: 07.08.2024

TIDCO intends to select a consulting firm to prepare a Master Plan for establishing TN TECH City in Chennai. Interested firms can download the RFP from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** and **https://tidco.com** The Terms of Reference, Qualification Criteria, Terms and Conditions including Evaluation Criteria and other conditions are provided in the RFP.

The schedule for the bidding process is as follows:-

1. Pre-bid meeting at **3.00 p.m.** on **23.08.2024 @ TIDCO Office**
2. Last date and time for submission of Proposals / Bids is on or before **3.00 p.m.** on **25.09.2024,** through **https://tntenders.gov.in**
3. Opening of Technical Proposals/Bids is at **3.00 p.m.** on **26.09.2024** at TIDCO Office

MANAGING DIRECTOR
Tamilnadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited
19-A, Rukmini Lakshmipathi Road,
Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.
E-mail: cmd@tidco.com, karthikeyan@tidco.com,
Phone: 044-2855 4421. Website: https://tidco.com

DIPR/2830/Tender/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule property, from its lawful owner **SRI. NATESH.S. S/o. H.N.Somashekara Rao,** R/at No.291/292, SLV Classic-1, Flat No.102, 1st Cross, BEL 6th Block Road, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560 097. Any person /institutions claiming to have any right, title, charge, lien or minor claims whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge his/her/their/its claim to the undersigned with documentary proof within **Seven (7) days** of this publication failing which it will be presumed that there are no objections or claims or disputes in respect of the schedule property and my client shall proceed to get the schedule property conveyed in their favour. No claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Residential **Site No.3,** New BBMP Katha No.34/23/1/10/11B/03, formed in Converted Sy No.10/11B; vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.6579/1974-75, dated 25.03.1975, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru, Situated at **Lottegollahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,** new BBMP ward No.8, Bengaluru, measuring an extent East to West 30 feets and North to South 50 feets, in totally measuring **1500 Sq.ft's** and bounded on:
East by : Site No.4,
West by : Site No.2,
North by : Road,
South by : Ramaiah's Property.

Lokesh K.M, Advocates
No. 3/1 (Old No.359), 1st Floor, 14th Cross, 4th Main, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore -560080. Ph :080 23618018

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule below from its lawful owners namely **Sri. Muttanna S/o Late Mayagaiah and Sri. M. Maraiah S/o Late Mayagaiah,** both are R/at Doddabelavangala Village and Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

I hereby call upon the general public that, if any person has any manner of legal right, title, interest or claim over schedule property, shall submit their objections and claims, if any with complete records in support of their claim within **seven day** from today to the address mentioned below. Thereafter no claims of whatsoever nature shall be entertained by my client and my client would proceed to purchase the schedule property presuming that the present owner of the schedule property is absolute owner of the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of Agricultural Land bearing **Sy No. 143/1,** measuring 3 **Acre 34 Guntas and 1 Acre of Kharab** situated at **Naranahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District** & bounded on:
East by : Road and remaining portion and village boundary, West by : Land in Sy no. 130/1, 130/4 & 129/2, North by : Land in Sy no. 144, South by : Land in Sy no. 143/3.

YASHVANTH. K.V. Advocate
13/1, G Block, Sahakarangara, Bengaluru– 560092.
Ph: 9980668759, 9845320179

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala
Corporate Identity Number. U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact number 96461 47777)

TENDER ENQUIRY No. TSQ-1155 / CE/TS/RDSS

Dy. CE/TL(Design), PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for development of 66KV transmission works related to augmentation of existing ACSR with equivalent HTLS conductor under RDSS on Full Turnkey Basis, as per PSPCL Specification No. TSQ-1155 / RDSS. For detailed NIT and Bidding Doucment, please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 06.08.2024 (11.00 AM onwards). Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

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Ministry of Communication, Department of Posts, Civil Wing

PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

Executive Engineer (C), Postal Civil Division, Bengaluru invites on behalf of The President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders for the following work:

N.I.T. No.: 08/PCD/BGL/2024-25

Name of Work: Civil maintenance and repair works to PO and attached quarters, raising of the front compound wall, provision of CC paver bock pathway to PO and quarters entrance, provision of GI profile sheet roof with MS framework to quarters terrace at Ullal, Mangaluru Division.

Estimated Cost: **Rs. 26,13,113/-**

Earnest Money: **Rs. 52,262/-**

Period of completion: **120 (One Hundred Twenty) Days.** Last time and date of submission of bid :**Upto 15.00 Hrs. of 16.08.2024.**

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the **website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

-sd/-
Executive Engineer(C)
Postal Civil Division
Bengaluru- 560032.

RBL BANK LTD
Registered Office: 1 st Lane, Shahupuri, Kolhapur-416001
Regional Office: Hansalaya Building, Upper Ground Floor, 15, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi - 110 001

Notice for sale by way of private treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") and the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules") ("Sale Notice")

Notice is hereby given by Undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of RBL Bank Limited ("Bank") to the public in general and to the Future Consumer Limited ("Borrower"), Mr. Kishore Biyani ("Guarantor") and Appu Nutritions Private Limited ("Mortgagor"),in particular,that theimmovable property described in table hereunder ("Secured Asset") charged/mortgaged to the Bankwill be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis"under the provisions of SARFAESI Act and the Rules.The Secured Asset remains under the physical possession of the Authorised Officer of the Bank.

The sale is under the provisions of SARFAESI Act by way of Private Treaty.Bank has received an offer of an amount of Rs 14.50 crore("Anchor Bid") and earnest money deposit of an amount of Rs 1.45 Crfor sale of the Secured Asset by way of private treaty.The Authorised Officer invites the bids from the interested parties, who wish to purchase the Secured Assets. The interested parties need to submit their bids with at least 5.00% mark-up over and above the Anchor Bid.In case of multiple bids, only the highest bid shall be considered.The Original Offeror (Anchor Bidder) will have a right to match the highest bid received under this Notice. In case, the Anchor Bidder matches the highest bid, then theAnchor Bidder shall be declared as the Successful Bidder, however, in the event the Anchor Bidder fails/refuses to match the highest bid, the Secured Asset will be sold to the Highest bidder by way of private treaty on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse Basis" under the provisions of SARFAESI Act and Rules. Key details for the sale of the Secured Asset is appended hereinunder:

Offer/Anchor Bid	Rs 14.50 crore
Minimum Increment over the Anchor Bid	5% of the Anchor Bid i.e. Rs 72.5 lakh
Earnest money deposit ("EMD")	10% of the offer by the interested bidder
Last date for submission of bid & EMD	26.08.2024 on or before 5 p.m.
Declaration of Successful Bidder	27.08.2024
Deposit of 25% (including EMD) of the Sale consideration	28.08.2024
Deposit of balance sale consideration	12.09.2024
Outstanding Amount (The amount is as on 31.10.2022 with further interest thereon till the date of actual payment)	Total dues INR 60,75,66,235.49 Charge on the Secured Asset - INR 17,95,52,895.98
Encumbrances	Not Known to the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer othar than reflecting in ROC/SRO
Details of Authorised Officerfor any query in relation to Secured Asset, process and terms and conditions of the present sale.	Name:Mr. Ratnesh Shukla, Contact: 8369108176 Email: Ratnesh.shukla@rblbank.com

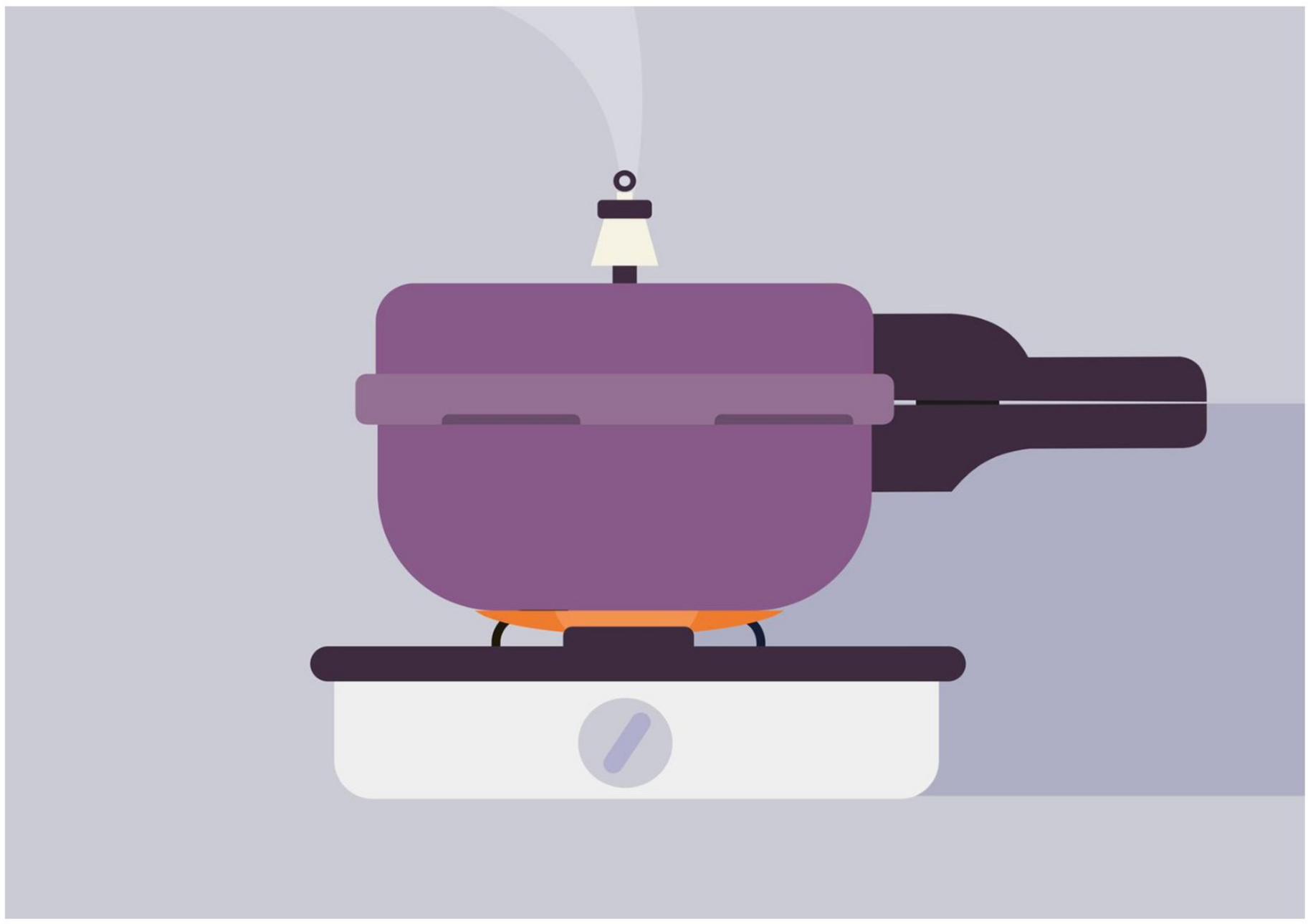
Description of the Secured Asset: Land and building being all that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Plot No. 13 situated in Veerasandra Industrial Area, formed in Sy. Nos. 28, 29 & 30, Veerasandra Village, AttibeleHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring in all 44116 Sq. Ft. (4100 Sq. Mtrs.), consisting of Ground Floor, mezzanine Floor and First Floor, measuring on the North 121.50 Mtrs., on the South 126 Mtrs., on the East 33.60 Mtrs. And on the West 32.60 Mtrs., together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: EAST by: Private Land; WEST by: Road;NORTH by: Plot No. 12; SOUTH by: A Portion of Plot No. 26

Key points:
i)The intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of Secured Asset and claims/ rights/ dues/ effecting the Secured Asset, prior to submitting their bid.
ii)It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the Secured Asset and specification before submitting the bid.
iii)The interested bidders shall submit their EMD details,KYC documents and duly signed copy of the terms and conditions of present sale (will be provided on request by the Authorised Officer), by way of email to the Authorised Officer on or before 26.08.2024, 5 p.m.. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT/ RTGS in the following Account of RBL BANK Ltd:- Auction Proceeds Collection GL, Account No 2599109900130047 (IFSC Code RATN0000990), before 5 PM on or before 26.08.2024.
iv)The Authorised Officer of the Bank reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel the present sale at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

Date: 07.08.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
For RBL Bank Ltd.
Authorised Officer

BUILDING BLOCKS



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On the physics of pressure: how the microscopic world interacts with us

Once you start seeing the effects of pressure somewhere, you will start realising it is actually everywhere. The water in your tap, the clouds that suddenly appear on a sunny day, or the fact you can drive your bike or car on those wheels

Adhip Agarwala

Pressure is an interesting thing: we often don't like it and try to avoid it, but it is indispensable. It's everywhere and there is a bit of wonderful physics hiding in it.

Pressure is how the microscopic world interacts with us. We don't see billions of atoms and molecules around us in the air but they hit us continuously all the time, creating what we call air pressure. When you are taking a flight, if there is a risk of the number of air molecules reducing around you, the flight host tells you "the pressure may fall, please use an oxygen mask". If you want to cook something where you want these air molecules to be more energetic – to strike your vegetables better – you use a pressure cooker. In fact, before putting your vegetables in the cooker, you add water. These water molecules become hot and impact your carrots and potatoes, breaking their molecular bonds and cooking your food. You keep all these molecules locked in a strong metal vessel they can't escape, increasing the pressure.

But what really is pressure?

Of forces and apples

Pressure and force are deeply related. You may have heard of Isaac Newton as just another of those long-haired physicists, but the basic unit of force is named in his honour: newton (N). A unit is a thing you use to measure quantities or other aggregates of some entity. For example, we measure distances in metres, weights in kilograms, and the amount of milk in litres. Likewise, force – such as when you push or pull a door – can be 'counted' in newtons. A fruit, like a small apple, weighs roughly 100 g and will exert a force of about 1 N on your hand. In fact, after a bout of intermittent fasting, if you weigh unreasonably low – like 50 kg – you can instead say you weigh 500 N.

Pressure is the average force spread over any area. Imagine a heavy book is resting on your palm. Now imagine you're holding the same book up with just one finger. The weight of the book remains the same but it feels heavier because it rests on a tinier region.

A pascal (Pa) is a unit of pressure. One pascal is really a very small amount of pressure. For instance, the same apple on your hand exerts a pressure of about 500 Pa. All the air on top of our heads, right up to space, exerts a pressure of 100,000 Pa – like about 200 apples on your hand!

Like air, all fluids have pressure, too, including our blood. The molecules of blood hit the walls of our arteries at different speeds, creating pressure. When you get your blood pressure measured, the doctor will give you a number like 120/80. These numbers also denote pressure, but not in pascals.

Blood pressure

Just like the atmospheric pressure of air is equivalent to around 200 small apples, it is also equivalent to some amount of liquid. For example, if you are about 10 m underwater, the pressure the water creates on you (aside from the psychological pressure of being unable to breathe) is equivalent to that of the atmosphere.

When you measure blood pressure, if you notice carefully, the doctor will place a cuff around your upper arm and start pumping air. The idea is to bring the pressure of the air around your arm close to that of the pressure of the blood flowing in your arteries, then release it slowly. In older pressure machines, this pressure in the cuff was balanced using a column of liquid in a tube.

The pressure in our blood is about one-fifth that of atmospheric pressure, so if you want to measure with water, you will need two metres of water. That's very inconvenient to carry around. People therefore looked for a liquid that was heavier than water, thus requiring a smaller quantity of it, which would allow doctors to carry the blood-pressure machines around easily. Mercury is about 15-times heavier than water, so small amounts suffice to balance the cuff pressure. And the 120/80 doctors say is actually 120 mm or 80 mm of mercury: the former is the pressure when your heart beats and the latter, when your heart rests between beats.

How does the pressure machine – or a sphygmomanometer – know when the pressure of the cuff around your arm matches that of the blood in your arteries? This bit of beautiful physics is for another day. If you are interested in learning more, consider taking a physics course.

Pressure cooker

Once you start seeing the effects of pressure somewhere, you will start realising it is actually everywhere. The water in your tap, the clouds that suddenly appear on a sunny day, or the fact you can drive your bike or car on those wheels.

The next time you hear a pressure cooker's whistle in the kitchen closest to you, don't just thank yourself or the person cooking your food. Thank the pressure cooker as well.

The author is an assistant professor of physics at IIT Kanpur.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The first week of August is devoted, across the world, to shining light on the advantages of breastfeeding. This World Breastfeeding Week, let's see if you can get the trivia right

Ramya Kannan

QUESTION 1
World Breastfeeding Week is observed in the first week of August. It is observed so in commemoration of what?

QUESTION 2
State if the following sentence is true or false — almost 75% of all mothers produce more milk in their right breast.

QUESTION 3
Producing breast milk consumes a great deal of energy. What percentage of the body's energy does a mother require while lactating?

QUESTION 4
State whether the following statement is true or false — It is possible to induce lactation without a pregnancy.

QUESTION 5
What is the recommended gold standard for breastfeeding a baby?

Visual question:
Who is the pair in the photo below? Rest assured they have some connection to breast feeding, apart from being mother and daughter.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The number of medals the Indian men's hockey team has won at the Olympics. **Ans: Eight gold and three bronze**
2. Between these editions, India had a streak of six straight golds. **Ans: 1928 (Amsterdam) and 1956 (Melbourne)**
3. This athlete was captain of the Indian team twice. **Ans: Pargat Singh in 1992 (Barcelona) and 1996 (Atlanta)**
4. India holds the record for the biggest margin of victory (24-1) in an Olympics match against this team. **Ans: The host U.S. at Atlanta**
5. Name the Indian legend and winner of three Olympic hockey titles to whom Sir Donald Bradman remarked "You score goals like runs in cricket". **Ans: Dhyan Chand**
6. This Indian legend holds the Olympic record for most goals scored in an Olympic men's hockey final. **Ans: Balbir Singh Sr.**
Visual: Name this Indian great who has four Olympic medals. **Ans: Leslie Claudius**
Early Birds: Tamal Biswas| M. Suresh Kumar| Sunil Kannada| Sadhan Kumar Panda| Uttam Kumar Sharma

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Let's discuss spelling…".

"Before that, I'd like to know the meaning of 'preppy' and 'yuppie'."

"Yet. I remember. 'Preppy' is an American colloquial expression meaning 'a person attending an expensive private school or looks like such a person (with short hair, blazer, etc.).' A 'prep' in American English is a student in a preparatory school. 'Prep' is an abbreviation of 'preparation.' When 'preppy' to used as an adjective, it means neat and 'fashionable'. The 'e' in the word is pronounced like the 'e' in 'get'."

"O.K., who is a yuppie?"

"A 'yuppie' or 'yuppy' is 'a young middle class, ambitious professional person working in a city.' The word is generally used in a derogatory sense as there is an implication that a yuppie will do anything to achieve his ambition. The word 'ambition' itself does not always have a positive sense. It sometimes suggests an inordinate desire to achieve, with some aggressiveness, what one wants. The word is an interesting one."

"How?"

"The word is from Latin 'ambitie' which is from 'ambi' meaning around and 'eo' to go. The Romans used this word to get elected to office. An ambitious person was originally a person who sought office. Even now, those who seek office have to go round and round making speeches and promises. It has acquired broader meaning now and applies to anyone who is determined to achieve his object"

"So ambitious people were originally candidates who sought public office."

"Yes: Shall we take up spelling rules?"

"Sure. What are the rules?"

"First thing you should remember is that every rule has an exception. It is true of spelling rules also. The rules help us when we have a doubt; for example, whether it is 'ie' or 'ei' in 'belief'"

"When you add -ed to a word like 'carry,' the final 'y' in the word is changed to 'i'. When you add -ed to play, the 'y' does not change to 'i'. Why?"

'"The rule is this. Words ending in 'y' change to 'i' when followed by a suffix. The 'y' in the word should also be preceded by a consonant. In 'carry', the final 'y' to preceded by the consonant 'r'. 'Carry' plus 'er' becomes carrier. 'Marry' plus 'age' becomes marriage. 'Happy' plus 'ly' becomes happily. Some other words are merrily, parries, tarries, worries, beautiful, cries, business, bullies, funnier. When the final 'y' is preceded by a vowel, the 'y' does not change to 'i'. In 'play', the final 'y' is preceded by the vowel 'a'. So 'play' plus 'ed' becomes 'played.' 'Play' plus 'er' becomes 'player.' Other words like 'play' are obey (obeyed), pray (prayed, prayer), flay (flayed), donkey (donkeys), pulley (pulleys), annoy (annoyed), buy (buyer), portray (portrayal), survey (surveyed).

When 'y' is preceded by a consonant and is followed by the suffix 'ing' the 'y' does not change to 'i' This to an exception to the rule that final 'y' preceded by a consonant and followed by a suffix changes to 'i'. When 'carry' is followed by the suffix 'ing,' the 'y' does not change to 'i'. Carrying, marrying, tarrying."

Published in The Hindu on November 17, 1992.

Word of the day

Lethargic:
deficient in alertness or activity

Synonym: unenergetic

Usage: *I am so lethargic in the evenings.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/lethargicpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ləˈθɑːd͡ʒɪk/

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Monsoon tourism hit; calamities put focus on need to streamline sector in the Western Ghats

Recent disasters stretching from Uttara Kannada to Wayanad have affected the chain of tourism

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

The Cauvery forms a series of waterfalls at Bharachukki falls in Chamarajanagar district. K. MURALI KUMAR

The romance of the rain, made popular in cinema, had evoked a new segment in travel: monsoon tourism. But natural calamities in many popular destinations across the country have dampened tourism prospects this rainy season. At the same time, it has also brought the focus back on the need to streamline tourism in ecologically-sensitive regions.

M. Ravi, Vice-President, Karnataka Tourism Forum, told *The Hindu* that the recent rain-induced damages in several parts of the Western Ghats have had a major impact on tourism prospects in the most popular destinations: Chikkamagaluru, Kodagu, Wayanad, Sakleshpur, parts of North Karnataka, and Mangaluru. "It is raining heavily and people don't want to travel. If it continues like this, then the Independence Day weekend will also go bust," he said.

He said the recent calamities stretching from Uttara Kannada to Wayanad had affected the whole chain of tourism - from tourist transport to guides. "This is generally the case; tourism is affected first by anything from recession and calamity to a hike in fuel prices," he said.

He further explained that to overcome the off-season of inbound tourism, wherein foreign tourists travelled between October and March, many States have attractive offers, especially during the monsoon, to entice domestic tourists, making the season popular.

Radhakrishna Holla, president of the Karnataka State Travel Operators' Association, also said tourism to popular destinations in the Western Ghats had been impacted in the past fortnight with landslips in Uttara Kannada, red alert in Mangaluru and surrounding areas, and specific directions to keep away from popular waterfalls and other risky places in Kodagu and other districts.

Spiritual tourism hit

"A lot of tourists are feeling that it is not safe to travel to the Western Ghats, especially with directions to stay away from waterfalls, etc by district administrations. Even spiritual tourism to places such as Kukke Subrahmanya and Dharmasthala has been impacted," he added.

He also said the Wayanad tragedy has impacted travel not just to this destination, known for nature and wellness tourism, but also to Kodagu due to its proximity.

Amidst this dip in tourism, the spotlight has returned to the ecological sensitivity to the region. While the Karnataka government has announced the formation of a Western Ghats forest encroachment task force to clear illegal resorts, homestays, and all encroachments in the Western Ghats region, which covers 10 districts of Karnataka, environmentalists have called for deeper action.

"Land use or land cover changes lead to land degradation and make hillslopes more susceptible to instability. The past several decades the region has witnessed an intense disruption of native forest cover for alternative commercial activities - mushrooming of resorts under the guise of 'eco-tourism', mining, quarrying, monoculture plantations, agriculture, human settlements, linear projects, etc., in mountains and hills with undulating topography. In such cases, the climate emergency is evident from the recurring extreme meteorological events, resulting in high-intensity rainfall, flooding with mudslides or landslides, and the devastating loss of life with large-scale destruction of property," said T.V. Ramachandra from the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science. This, he said, necessitates the regulation of tourism or ecotourism in highly ecological sensitive regions of the Western Ghats.

"The government should come up with a time bound programme to evacuate all encroachers within a year. The government should consider incentivising local people to promote tourism at a local level, as in Goa. The decentralised option would curtail mushrooming of resorts and villas and the conversion of native forest cover in the ecologically fragile regions," he added.

Forest Dept. approves cutting of 1,118 trees in Kodagu coffee plantation

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The trees will be cut at a private coffee estate near Nagarahole Tiger Reserve in Kodagu district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Forest Department has allegedly granted permission to cut down 1,118 trees in a coffee plantation in Kodagu district, renowned for its lush greenery and biodiversity, but grappling with significant environmental challenges.. This decision has raised concerns among environmental activists, who contend that the area is designated as an eco-sensitive zone.

The decision permits the removal of 864 trees of various species and 254 rosewood trees in Nokya near Siddapura village of Ponnampet taluk in south Kodagu. The Cauvery Sene, a local environmental group, has strongly opposed the move, citing the area's proximity to the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, which is recognised as an eco-sensitive zone by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.

K.A. Ravi Chengappa, president of Cauvery Sene, criticised the Forest Department's decision. "The trees in question are located very close to the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Despite this, the Forest Department has granted permission for their removal," he told *The Hindu*.

"Eco-sensitive zones are intended to act as buffer zones around national parks and sanctuaries, providing a transitional area from high protection zones to areas with lesser protection. As outlined in the Wildlife Conservation Strategy 2002, these buffer zones can extend up to 10 km around protected areas," he added.

"We have formally requested the Forest Department to revoke the permission and take legal action against those involved in this activity. Additionally, we urge the department to seize and confiscate the felled trees," said Raghu Machaiah, secretary of Cauvery Sene.

Minister orders inquiry

The Cauvery Sene has submitted a written complaint to the Forest Department and recently met with Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre to present their documents, said Mr. Chengappa.

Mr. Khandre said: "The issue of granting permission for tree cutting in an eco-sensitive zone in Kodagu has come to my attention. I have instructed the officials concerned to conduct an immediate investigation and submit a detailed report."

The Forest Department officials said that permissions are granted only after thorough review of all documents. "Permissions are typically granted for tree management tasks such as cutting branches for coffee pollination purposes. For every tree removed, the permit holder is required to undertake compensatory replantation efforts," the official added.

However, environmental experts have raised concerns about the adequacy of compensatory replantation efforts and the impact of tree cutting in eco-sensitive zones.

Harini Nagendra, director of the Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability at Azim Premji University, expressed concerns about the effectiveness of compensatory replantation and tree cutting in eco-sensitive zones. "The Forest Department or authorities grant permissions with conditions and recommendations, such as requiring replantation elsewhere or compensatory afforestation. However, these measures often fail in practice because compensatory afforestation is rarely implemented properly. We need to be especially cautious in eco-sensitive zones," she said.

She said increased transparency could address these issues. "If every tree-cutting application were made available on a public online portal, including GPS locations, the number of trees cut, and the status of compensatory replantation, it would help ensure accountability."

Aurora Earth Observation Studio launched

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

Bengaluru-based space start-up Pixxel on Tuesday announced the public launch of Aurora, its transformative Earth Observation Studio designed to make remote sensing analysis accessible for all.

Pixxel said that Aurora is poised to redefine how remote sensing user groups can access, interpret, and leverage Earth observation data.

Developed entirely in-house, Aurora eliminates the steep learning curves associated with traditional software, offering a seamless and intuitive satellite imagery analysis experience. It features a vast archive of open-source and commercial remote sensing datasets from multiple modalities, including the anticipated integration of Pixxel's hyperspectral imagery by the end of 2024.

The platform also offers a marketplace of ready-to-use models and indices in a no-code environment, enabling users to visualise and compare different satellite imagery, customise workflows, and quickly implement analytical models.

"Aurora is designed to remove barriers to entry in Earth observation analysis. Our focus has been on creating a platform that allows users to get insights faster without wasting time figuring out complex data processing steps. After nearly a year of beta testing and valuable feedback from our early customers, we're excited to unveil this to the public now," said Awais Ahmed, founder and CEO of Pixxel. He said Aurora's customer-centric approach will enable organisations of all sizes in agriculture, forestry, mining, climate tech and energy to harness the power of Earth observation data.

From Page One

Commercial activities now allowed in city till 1 a.m.

The hoteliers, too, had approached multiple Ministers and police officials for years to get an extension on the deadline for commercial activities in the city.

'Public will benefit'

"The government has given permission to all shops and establishments to stay open till 1 a.m., and we welcome this move. The public will greatly benefit from this, and it will also generate more employment, said P.C. Rao, president of Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers Association.

He also said, "Until now, only bars and restaurants in the limits of the commissionerate had permission to be open till 1 a.m. Henceforth, all the bars and restaurants in the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) limits will also be open till 1 a.m."

Independence Day flower show honouring Ambedkar from tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Preparations are under way for the 216th edition of the flower show at Lalbagh Botanical Garden in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Bhimrao Yashwant Ambedkar, grandson of B.R. Ambedkar, will attend the inauguration of this year's Independence Day flower show at Lalbagh Botanical Garden on Thursday.

The theme of this year's flower show, which will be held between August 8 and August 19, is 'Scientist, Constitution Architect, Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar'.

The show will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Speaking about the 216th edition of the famed flower show, D.S. Ramesh, director, Horticulture Department, said: "We want the public to feel immersed in a different environment once they enter the gates of Lalbagh." He also emphasised the need to have a clean show.

The Horticulture Department has been trying to keep the flower show plastic-free for a few years now. This year too, the department will work with Beautiful Bengaluru, a green intervention collective, to keep the event plastic-free. The officials said that water dispensers have been installed every few meters in Lalbagh so that visitors do not have to bring plastic bottles.

Around 30 lakh flowers of 200 varieties will be used to create floral models and floral settings in this year's show. Lalbagh stands third in the list of highest number of flower shows falling behind shows organised in the U.S. and the Kew Garden in London, officials said.

Timings
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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 07	
RISE 06:06	SET 18:44
RISE 08:15	SET 20:46
THURSDAY, AUG. 08	
RISE 06:06	SET 18:44
RISE 09:00	SET 21:20
FRIDAY, AUG. 09	
RISE 06:07	SET 18:43
RISE 09:45	SET 21:53

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	23
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	29	20

Bengaluru Today
29°C The weather will be slight warm with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C Day will be comfortable with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

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E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated August 7, we take a peek into one of Bengaluru's oldest industrial neighbourhoods. A sketch meet, which took place last month, was part of Neighbourhood Narratives, an event focused on the old industrial suburb of Rajajinagar, a stone's throw away from Bangalore Creative Circus.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (August 7, Wednesday), the following articles are available:

- How has Uttar Pradesh made its anti-conversion law more stringent? **bit.ly/anticonversaionexp**
- Earthquake 2,500 years ago abruptly changed Ganga river's course **bit.ly/earthquakerivercourse**

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, डालटनगंज

अल्पकालीन पुर्न ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या – 02RI/2024–25/EE/RWD/DALTONGANJ
दिनांक–05.08.2024

1. कार्य का नाम :

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4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 26.08.2024 पूर्वाह्न 3.30 बजे
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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गोन्दा, राँची

अति अल्पकालिन ई– निविदा (प्रथम आमंत्रण)
निविदा सं०:– 02. of 2024–25 तिथि –06.08.2024

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Governor may take time to decide on sanction of prosecution against CM

Thaawarchand Gehlot consulting legal experts; complainant T.J. Abraham meets him to 'clear the air' about the doubts over his integrity expressed by the Council of Ministers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid speculation over Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's next move on sanctioning prosecution against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for the alleged irregularities in the distribution of sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Corporation (MUDA), the complainant in the case, T.J. Abraham, on Tuesday met the Governor to "clear the air" about the doubts over his integrity expressed by the Council of Ministers as well as the Chief Minister.

While the Governor returned to Bengaluru late Monday evening from New Delhi, he is consulting legal experts and could take time to respond "since it is a sensitive matter", Raj Bhavan sources said.

Mr. Abraham said it was a prefixed appointment. "The government has neither rejected nor answered my complaint. Instead, it has raised doubts about my integrity. The Governor wanted to know about that aspect. I explained to him that the matter of allegations about my integrity is in court," he said.

Courtesy call: Shalini Rajneesh, who took charge as Chief Secretary recently, called on Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot at the Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The government's note after the Council of Ministers met on August 1 had said, "The Governor has failed to take note of the fact that T.J. Abraham comes with criminal antecedents having criminal cases of blackmail and extortion registered against him and his conduct in misusing the public interest jurisdiction has also been frowned upon by the Supreme Court, levying costs on him. His acts are motivated and lack *bona fides* and suffer from factual and legal *mala fides*."

Meanwhile, government sources said there has been a *status quo* on the issue after the Council of Ministers advised the Governor to withdraw the show-cause notice issued to the Chief Minister and reject the petition. "We are not sure what he will do. He may seek clarification. But, the government believes that the Governor cannot make any decision in a hurry. We will also seek legal remedy."

Sources close to the Chief Minister pointed out, "Article 163 of the Constitution states the Governor's discretionary powers. It includes inviting the legislature party leader of the majority party to form the government or at times while imposing the President's Rule. However, he is working here as a competent authority under the Prevention of Corruption Act. We are not saying that he is bound by the advice of the Council of Ministers. He can either accept or reject the advice. But he cannot act on his own. He has to summon records and follow the due process. He can reject the advice of the Council of Ministers, but record the reason for rejection."

Leaders of Congress and BJP-JD(S) combine flex their political muscles in Vokkaliga heartland

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Opposition BJP-JD(S) combine and the ruling Congress flexed their political muscles in the Vokkaliga heartland of Mandya district on Tuesday with the former's padayatra reaching Maddur on the fourth day of its Bengaluru to Mysuru march and the latter holding a large Janandolana rally in Mandya town.

The Opposition's padayatra and the ruling party's Janandolana rallies have turned into platforms for a slugfest between the two Vokkaliga leaders of rival parties – H.D. Kumaraswamy and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

While the Opposition is making efforts to draw public attention to the alleged irregularities in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. through its padayatra, the Congress is seeking to highlight the alleged corruption during the regimes of BJP and JD (S) in the State through the Janandolana rallies.

The Opposition's padayatra follows not only the refusal of the Legislative Assembly Speaker to allow a discussion on the alleged irregularities in MUDA during the recently concluded legislature session but also the show-cause notice issued by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over a petition seeking permission for his prosecution for the alleged irregularities in the allotment residential sites by MUDA to his wife.

Targeting government: BJP leaders B.Y. Vijayendra and R. Ashok with JD(S) leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy during their padayatra in Maddur taluk of Mandya district on Tuesday.

Countering charges: Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar arriving for the Janandolana rally in Mandya on Tuesday.

At the padayatra, BJP's State president B.Y. Vijayendra said the march had been taken out with a resolve to oust the "corrupt" Congress government and the "corrupt" Chief Minister.

JD(S) Youth Wing leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy addressed a press conference and lamented the efforts of the Congress to "divert" public attention away from the "scams" by holding the Janandolana rallies. Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy, who was away in New Delhi on Tuesday, is scheduled to participate in the padayatra in Mandya on Wednesday.

Though Mr. Kumaraswamy had threatened to walk out of the padayatra earlier, disappointed over the alliance partner not taking the JD(S) into confidence, he later agreed to participate following intervention by the senior BJP leaders.

Meanwhile, at the Janondana rally in Mandya, Mr. Shivakumar continued his tirade against Mr. Kumaraswamy at the rally in Mandya on Tuesday by seeking a reply from him for not only his political "U-turns" on various issues, including his reported assurance to secure the Centre's permission for the Mekedatu project in "five minutes", but also the advertisement issued by BJP in the past about allotment of sites by MUDA to the family members of the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda.

Ministers attend

The Janandolana rally in Mandya was attended by several Congress Ministers, including Krishna Byre Gowda, Santosh Lad, Laxmi Hebbalkar, K.H. Muniyappa, N. Cheluvarayaswamy, Priyank Kharge, N.S. Boseraj, and Byrathi Suresh.

The presence of a large number of Ministers comes in the wake of a direction from the All-India Congress Committee to the partymen to close their ranks and stand by Mr. Siddaramaiah to defeat the designs of the Opposition.

Valmiki corpn. scam: 'Chargesheet proves probe isn't fair'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Taking exception to the SIT's chargesheet on irregularities in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. not mentioning the names of the then Minister B. Nagendra and corporation chairman Basanagouda Daddal, the BJP has maintained that this was an indication that the ongoing probe by the State agency is not fair.

Taking to social media platform X, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok wondered if the SIT had desisted from mentioning the names of the two politicians in its chargesheet out of fear that they may reveal the alleged involvement of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah or whether it was a "conspiracy" to hush up the irregularities.

Draft Bill on jobs for locals: HC dismisses plea terming it 'premature'

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
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The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday dismissed a PIL petition which had questioned the legality of the proposed Bill to reserve jobs for locals in private business establishments and industries, while terming the petition as premature.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice K.V. Aravind passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by Amrithalakshmi R., a chartered accountant and a resident of Bilekahalli in Bengaluru.

The petitioner had questioned the constitutional validity of the proposed draft Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories and Other Establishments Bill, 2024, which was cleared by the State Cabinet and later withheld from being tabled in the legislature following opposition from industry leaders.

The proposed law mandates 50% reservation in managerial positions and 70% in the non-managerial category for local candidates in private firms and establishments.

It was pointed out in the petition that the government should not be allowed to proceed with the Bill as a similar enactment passed by the Haryana State government was struck down by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

However, the Bench termed the petition as premature as the proposal has not yet resulted in a law and it cannot be compared with the Haryana's case, where the court had interfered as the law was enacted.

Private unaided schools to observe 'Black Independence Day'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Private School Management, Teaching and Non-teaching Staff Coordination Committee (KPMTCC), a group of private unaided school managements, has decided to observe 'Black Independence Day' on August 15, protesting against the State government for its "non-responsiveness to their various demands".

"There are more than 8,000 private schools, and teachers and staff in all schools will protest in various manners, including hoisting the flag by wearing black bands," said D. Shashikumar, convener of the KPMTCC, at a press conference on Tuesday.

He alleged that for the past five years, the Department of School Education and Literacy had not followed any rules in the educational institutions that it runs.

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A walk through one of Bengaluru's oldest industrial neighbourhoods

Everyone talks about old areas like Malleswaram, Chamarajpet and Basavanagudi, but Rajajinagar is also a 75-year-old neighbourhood, says conservation architect Roshini M.

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

People hunched over sketchbooks dot every nook and cranny of Bangalore Creative Circus (BCC), an "urban living lab" housed in a 20,000 sq. ft. warehouse in the Yeshwantpur Industrial Area. Some sketch the people inside its canteen while others try to reproduce parts of BCC's urban farming systems. A fair number are clustered in the co-working space, eyes flitting between their sketches and the ceiling on which a large seahorse sculpture made of scrap is suspended.

This sketch meet, which took place last month, was part of *Neighbourhood Narratives,* an event focused on the old industrial suburb of Rajajinagar, a stone's throw away from BCC. "People should know more about Rajajinagar," says conservation architect Roshini M., who is spearheading this initiative, which is part of the India Foundation for the Art's (IFA) Project 560 programme.

Some of the exhibits on display include archival maps that offer insights into how the area has changed over the decades, and a collection of sketches of the area.

Interaction inside the gallery as part of *Neighbourhood Narratives,* an event focused on the old industrial suburb of Rajajinagar.

Focus on the area

According to Roshini, everyone talks about other old areas like Malleswaram, Chamarajpet and Basavanagudi. "But Rajajinagar is also a 75-year-old neighbourhood," she says at the exhibition, walking past charts showcasing some of the area's iconic landmarks, including MEI Polytechnic College, the Rajajinagara Pillar, the Navrang Theatre and the ISKCON temple. Some of the other exhibits on display include archival maps that offer insights into how the area has changed over the decades, a collection of sketches of the area, sepia-toned photographs and prints of the artwork of Rumale Chennabasaviah, often referred to as Karnataka's Vincent Van Gogh.

"I wanted to develop a new cultural map of Rajajinagar and engage the community," says Roshini, who has also made a short film about the neighbourhood. "That was the main intention of the project: to create awareness about these very interesting nooks and corners in the area," she says.

As someone who was born and raised in Rajajinagar and has spent years roaming through the area's streets, nooks, and crannies, Roshini says she couldn't help but notice how it had transformed over the years. She had always been interested in history, culture, and heritage, so she began researching the area and discovering new things about it. "I had heard about Mantri Mall being a mill earlier and began wondering why there were so many mills and industrial setups here," she says. "So, I started reading up about it a little more."

Beginning of Rajajinagar

On July 3rd, 1949, the Maharaja of Mysore, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, inaugurated a pillar commemorating the area that would become Rajajinagar, named in honour of C. Rajagopalachari, the last Governor-General of British India by the City Improvement Trust Board. According to the plaque on the pillar, 1000 acres of land were allotted for setting up the neighbourhood, half of which was devoted to industry while the other half to housing.

"At that point in time, Bangalore was known for its PSUs: HMT, BEL, HAL...," she says, adding that Rajajinagar became one of the neighbourhoods where they were looking at setting up more industries. The area's proximity to the Pete area possibly also influenced the decision to carve out this area from the village of Kethamaranahalli. "The mills needed bigger spaces that were outside the Pete area but close to it," she believes. "That was where all the business was happening."

Though some tangible examples of Rajajinagar's industrial heritage still linger, many of them, including the buildings that once housed these factories and mills, are now malls and gated housing communities. "For me, it is about how the area has transformed," she says, recalling a time when the road she lives on, Dr. Rajkumar Road, was completely residential. Today, except for a few independent houses, it has been completely commercialised, with Lulu Mall at one end and Orion Mall at the other.

Despite this, however, there are still bits and pieces of the area that have an old-world charm: the Rama Mandira grounds here, which are still used for school sports days and cricket tournaments; the conservancy lanes and stone benches, which have have managed to survive the development; the art déco style houses or the massive old jamun trees that still line the roads of the area, says Roshini. "They take you back 50 years when Bangalore was still a pensioner's paradise."

Neighbourhood Narratives: *Rajajinagar* comes under IFA's Project 560, a programme that supports and implements projects that focus on the city of Bengaluru in various ways. "Since IFA is a Bangalore-based organisation, we thought we needed to do something from it," says Mridupankhi Rajkumari, Programme Officer, Arts Practice at IFA, who oversees Project 560 programmes along with two other colleagues. "It is our way of giving something back to the city."

Mapping neighbourhoods

Under Project 560, IFA offers projects to Bengaluru residents in several categories, including Neighbourhood Engagements, Arts Projects (Research/Practice), and Curated Artistic Engagements. As the website states, Neighbourhood Engagements, under which Roshini's project falls, is about implementing projects that engage with an area's spaces, stories, and people.

Having already exhaustively researched the area, Roshini says that she began looking for projects that would allow her to showcase it. That was when she came across Project 560, which she applied for in August last year. "In the proposal, we had to mention how we were going to engage with the neighbourhood.," she says, recounting some of the activities she had conducted as part of the exercise. She started by gathering secondary data about the area using archives, libraries, and books before making a number of field visits and engaging with the neighbourhood and its people to understand it better.

She also got in touch with Urban Sketchers (USK), Bengaluru and collaborated with them to organise various sketch meets in some of the iconic locations in the area, including at the Rajajinagar Foundation memorial pillar, the Rumale Art Gallery and the Navrang Theatre. "It is an excellent way for a person to discover their own city," says Shruti Vijay, part of the administrative team at USK Bengaluru. As someone who is not from the city and has never explored that side of it, this sketching exercise allowed her to see "hidden gems" in Rajajinagar. "It has its own character, and I only realised that when I went there and experienced it," she says. "It still has old Bangalore charm. You get transported back to the 60s and 70s."

People-centred conservation

Roshini hopes to make *Neighbourhood Narratives* part of a larger series that explores other lesser-documented parts of Bengaluru, including Richard's Town, Chamaraja Pete, Cooke Town and Cox Town. "They all have their own interesting origin story and historical significance," says Roshini, whose research has always been Bengaluru-centred, whether it be her master's thesis on the city's market or her work documenting Bengaluru's Karaga Festival or the city's kalyanis. "This city has so much to offer. There is so much happening here," she says.

She firmly believes that people-centric conservation is key to preserving our heritage and culture; making people more aware and sensitive to these things will contribute to preservation. "For me, it was always about creating that sense of identity, belonging and awareness among the people so it would lead to a sense of ownership," she says. "Yes, development is required. But we shouldn't forget or lose what has been part of our origin and history."

Mobile Eye Health Van for the slums of Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sightsavers India has recently received a donation of a Mobile Eye Health Van from Alcon (India), to provide access to eye care to the slum dwellers of urban Bengaluru.

According to the press release, this partnership is part of an ongoing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative by Alcon India, which is committed to helping people see better. The initiative aims to provide quality eye care services to approximately 7000 people in theseareas.

The initiative will address the significant barriers faced by individuals living in low-income areas in accessing quality eye care, including financial constraints and a lack of healthcare facilities nearby.

The van is equipped with state-of-the-art technology like a Fundus Camera for diagnosing Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma, a slit lamp for diagnosing retinal diseases and teleconsultation facilities.

This initiative will cover key areas within Bangalore, including Bangalore South, and HSR Layout.

Clinical Psychology Society of India opposes new nomenclature for clinical psychology training

CPSI president Jamuna Rajeswaran told *The Hindu* that the change in nomenclature clearly violates the basic structure and does not efficiently represent the in-depth training programme

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The Clinical Psychology Society of India (CPSI) has opposed the Rehabilitation Council of India's move to replace the nomenclature of M.Phil. Clinical Psychology with M.A. Clinical Psychology.

CPSI president Jamuna Rajeswaran told *The Hindu* that the change in nomenclature clearly violates the basic structure and does not efficiently represent the in-depth training programme, which consists of robust academic learning, clinical exposure, and hands-on training to conduct various psychological assessments, diagnose, and provide psychotherapeutic interventions to individuals with mental illness, disability, and rehabilitative needs.

CPSI has urged the relevant bodies such as RCI, NITI Ayog, UGC and Ministries of Health and Family Welfare, Social Justice and Empowerment and Education to intervene immediately and carry out necessary action. GETTY IMAGES

Time-tested programme

"CPSI, as a representative body for Clinical Psychology Profession in India, would like to bring to the consensus of all stakeholders that M.Phil Clinical Psychology course (with its other previous nomenclatures) has been a time-tested training programme producing well-trained mental health professionals to serve the needy community since the last 70 years," she said.

"With the introduction of NEP-2020, the chaos that had been brought into modifying the nomenclature and structure of professional training had immensely disturbed various stakeholders such as students intending to take up the clinical psychology profession, clinical psychology trainees, professionals, training institutions and parents of such students and public. Though we agree with the regulatory bodies' intention to enhance the number of trained professionals to meet the dearth of mental health professionals to serve patients with mental illness, disability and rehabilitative needs, we strongly oppose dilution of the structure and significance of the nomenclature for such training programmes," stated a position statement issued by the CPSI.

'Better acceptance'

They have urged immediate attention to the fact that the earlier draft with the nomenclature of M.Psy. (Clinical Psychology) was "deliberated and approved over by the expert committee" and had received "better acceptance" by clinical psychology professionals across the nation. The statement claimed that the present change undermines the "profession's integrity, dilutes the specialized training, and compromises public welfare." CPSI has urged the relevant bodies such as RCI, NITI Ayog, UGC and Ministries of Health and Family Welfare, Social Justice and Empowerment and Education to intervene immediately and carry out necessary action.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1984

Statutory Board for Sheep Breeding

Bijapur, Aug. 6: The Karnataka Government had taken a decision to constitute a statutory board for development of the sheep breeding and wool weaving industry. Chief Minister Devaraj Urs announced it here last night. Speaking at the Bijapur District sheep breeders and wool weavers conference, the Chief Minister said the Government had taken up a big programme of sheep breeding at Challakere in Chitradurga district for which Australian collaboration was forthcoming. The Government had earmarked about 1,000 acres for the project. Mr. Urs said the Government was prepared to give financial assistance as loans but the habit of looking to the Government for subsidy should end.

Aid for Flood Victims: T.A. Pai's Assurance

Mangalore, Aug. 6: It was distress and tragedy, debris and rubble wherever Mr. T.A. Pai, Union Minister for Heavy Industry went in flood hit South Kanara. He was impressed with the spontaneous relief work by local organisations, both Government and private.

The floods took a toll of 13 human lives besides a very large number of cattle. The latest estimate of loss of property runs to Rs. 3.50 crores as against the earlier assessment of Rs. 125 crores, according to Government sources. Unofficial sources estimate the loss at between Rs. 5 crores and Rs. 7 crores.

Mr. Pai is confident that people would bear the distress and go about the salvage operations and reconstruction quickly.

The story of forevers

Living it up Actor Santhy Balachandran (below), with director Shalini Ushadevi, a still from *Ennennum*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Actor Santhy Balachandran talks about being part of the Malayalam sci-fi film, *Ennennum*

Shilpa Nair Anand

Actor Santhy Balachandran is back in Kochi after a hectic round of film festivals at Neuchatel, Switzerland and London with her film *Ennennum* (Now and Forever) directed by Shalini Ushadevi. The film won the international critics' award at the Neuchatel International Fantastic Film Festival (NIFFF) and had its international premiere at the London Indian Film Festival.

Santhy cannot keep the excitement about the response *Ennennum* garnered in Europe, the conversations it started and, most importantly, having been part of the film. It is an experience, she calls, "as challenging as it was rewarding." Her eyes lighting up as she talks about *Ennennum*, her admiration for the director, Shalini Ushadevi, unabashed.

The film, screened first at the International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK), 2023, is a layered take questioning at a very simplistic level the notion of 'eternal love' and what constitutes 'forever' in the context. The questions asked are universal, which explains the resonance at international festivals, Santhy reasons.

"The film explores many things – like the larger implication of a 'forever love'. It is also a meditation on marriage, love, children...Shalini explores various strands in the film. Even when I read the script for the first time in 2019, I found it very interesting," she says.

Santhy reminisces how, once she read the script, she desperately wanted the role.

"Devi's (her character in the film) arc is interesting; the characterisation is rich in the film. As a director, Shalini knows precisely what she wants from her actors, and extracts that from us," Santhy says referring to her and co-star, Anoop Mohandas' work in the film. Anoop plays Devi's partner Ouso, with whom she embarks on a three-day 'forever' experiment. Based on the experiment, the couple has to decide how the idea of forever, without death, sits with them.

Ennennum has been a long time coming, "The film is set in an alternate, dystopian present where technology follows a different trajectory. I have carried Devi with me for five years; four of which I had to wait for the filming to start. Shalini has waited for even longer, since 2011 when she wrote the story." She calls Shalini a "one woman army" fighting a battle every step of the way to make the film.

Though Santhy came on board in 2019, the film finally got made in 2023. Made on a shoestring budget which had Shalini wear several hats – director, writer, production designer and, of course, producer. Film was shot over two weeks on location in Bengaluru with a cast and crew of 20-odd people. The two week acting workshop helped the actors get into the skin of the characters.

> "We shot in a house near Bengaluru. The architecture and the spirals that are part of the design are a perfect representation of time.
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> **SANTHY BALACHANDRAN**
> Actor

"We shot in a house, Chuzhi, designed by architect Vinu Daniel, in Shoolagiri, near Bengaluru, which worked very well for the theme. The architecture is such that it communicates a sense of claustrophobia and the spirals that are part of the design are a perfect representation of time!" she says of the house.

Santhy, a post-graduate in Anthropology from Oxford University, made her way to films via theatre as part of a Forplay Society production, *The Lover*, an adaptation of Harold Pinter's 1962 classic. Dominic Arun, director of her first film to release, *Tharangam*, and Prem Shankar, who directed *Randuper*, both watched the play and she landed her roles almost simultaneously. Until then she had not considered a career as an actor.

Over the years she has been in Malayalam films such as *Jallikkattu*, *Aaha*, *Paapum Cheyathavar Kalleriyattey*, *Chathuram* and *Djinn*. She is one of those actors who straddles arthouse and commercial cinema with equal ease.

She acknowledges her privilege which gives her the luxury to be picky about her projects, "Thankfully, because of the support of my parents, I am in a position to be choosy about the projects I do. If I did not have that, it wouldn't work."

The current interest in Malayalam cinema and content, she agrees, give artists the space and the opportunities to collaborate across industries and media. She acted in the Disney+Hotstar release, *Gulmohar*, which "opened up the horizon as an actor" and the Tamil comedy series on Amazon Prime Video, *Sweet Kaaram Coffee*, which was dubbed in Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada and Hindi. "*Sweet Kaaram Coffee*, for instance, opened up the diaspora audience for me and helped form a connection with them." Much as she is enjoying working in other industries, she would love to do more work in Malayalam.

Next up for Santhy is Krishand RK's Malayalam web series, *Sambhava Vivaranam Nalarsangham - The Chronicles on the 4.5 Gang*. She also worked on the screenplay for a film with her *Tharangam* director, Dominic Arun. The film will go on the floors in September.

In tune Anupama Bhagwat, Kaushiki Chakraborty and other artistes paid tribute to Acharya Bimalendu Mukherjee at a recent event. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Why improvisation is key to good music

Vaishali K S

'Acharya devo bhava', a musical soiree to celebrate the birth centenary of Acharya Bimalendu Mukherjee, was organised recently by Kailas Sangeet Trust at Chowdaiah Memorial Hall in Bengaluru. Two well-known Hindustani musicians, Anupama Bhagwat and Kaushiki Chakraborty, paid tributes to the Acharya.

Anupama, one of the foremost disciples of Acharya Bimalendu Mukherjee and an exponent of Imdadkhani/Etawah gharana, chose the evening melody raag Shyam Kalyan for her solo sitar recital. She built up the raag through an expansive and meditative alaap. She embellished her raag vistaar with meends, emphasising the Kalyan and Kamod ang, with delicate stretching of the gandhar note that distinguishes it from raag Shuddh-Sarang in her prelude of 'anibaddh' alap section before the gat.

Anupama's improvisational abilities were discernible in her development of this raag through alap and rhythmic patterns of the jod and swift jhalas. In the gat section, Anupama took up a vilambit (slow tempo) composition in Teen taal for a meticulous exploration. She was ably supported on the tabla by Meghashyam Keshav. The deep inward quality of her music, devoid of any gimmickry, was a refreshing experience.

After the vilambit Teen taal composition, Anupama demonstrated her swift taans in the Drut Teen taal, building up a reverberating climax.

Popular Hindustani vocalist Kaushiki Chakraborty commenced her late evening recital with the night melody Rageshree. In her Vilambit khayal composition 'Sakal sukh devo kartar', Kaushiki launched into a soulful alap, which was enhanced by the nuanced sangat provided by Murad Ali Khan on the sarangi and Tanmay Deochake on the samvadini.

Kaushiki's voice negotiated the three octaves with ease. Equipped with a huge repertoire of bandishes, Kaushiki displayed her prowess by presenting a bouquet of three drut bandishes in Rageshree: 'Kar phool sohe virajan par, chanda sohe amal gagan par' (Teen taal), 'Jao jao giridhari' (Roopak taal) and "Sundar naveli nar' (Ekwai taal) with sargams characterised by vibrant speedy taankari.

The young tabla artiste Ishaan Ghosh impressed the audience with his ebullient performance. Teen or Rupak or Ekwai taal, Ishaan was in his element while executing the tihais. He created attractive rhythmic patterns with his explorations and variations of the taals.

The individual performances were followed by a jugalbandi for a kajri in Manj Khamaj and Dadra, 'Barsan lagi badariya rumjhum ke', popularised by the legendary Girija Devi. They concluded with raag Bhairavi as Kaushiki sang a tarana and Anupama played a composition of her guru, Acharya Bimalendu Mukherjee.

A taste of the world

Nidhi Adlakha

Five years ago, chefs Hanisha Singh and Jamsheed Bhote launched Plats (French for plates) in the national capital. With a focus on serving dishes from across the world with European techniques, this was the couple's first restaurant after serving as consultant chefs at EVOO Eatery & Pizzeria, Tres, Shibuya, and Le Cantine, among others.

As their venture turns five this October, the duo are bringing their bestsellers to a pop-up in Bengaluru, Plats Around the World. "Conversations around this event started around April," says Hanisha, adding, "As the restaurant turns five, we wanted to celebrate the best of Plats with a menu that includes our favourites and top sellers through the years."

These include pan-fried gnocchi with a smoked eggplant kashq, roasted butternut squash mille feuille, Korean fried shrimp stuffed chicken wing with gochuchang caramel, braised and pulled lamb crumbed steak, slow baked brandy dark chocolate and apricot cake, among others.

Flavour first Delhi chefs Hanisha Singh and Jamsheed Bhote are in the city this weekend. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The menu at Plats showcases influences from France, Spain, Latin America, South East Asia and the Middle East. "With some old favourites and popular new additions, this pop-up menu is a balance of light and fresh small plates to more substantial mains, a tropical dessert and a boozy indulgent finish," says Hanisha, who explains how the menu is an "amalgamation of dishes inspired by our travels and memories of some of the best meals with our family and friends".

She adds, "Being flavour-forward is key for us, with no fuss plating and hearty portions, Plats has been a way to showcase what we like to eat and cook and share that with everyone. We wanted to bring exactly that to the Bangalore diners."

Which is why choosing the ingredients is key. Working closely with Krishicress, they will be bringing locally-grown butternut squash from their farm and purple carrot pickles preserved from the Delhi winters.

"We're making a roasted butternut squash mille feuille with sauce verdure, sweet potato crumb, chevre and purple carrot pickle as the main dishes for vegetarians. We wanted to celebrate a plate of different vegetables treated in unique ways," says the chef.

"Herbs and greens will go into create the sauce, while sweet potato shreds fried crisp adds the textural element. We are incorporating some acid with the pickles to brighten the dish," says Hanisha, adding that fresh black fungus from Shroomery will go into the grilled mushroom plate that comprises mushrooms chargrilled and served with zested, smoked bandel cheese from The Whole Hog in Kolkata.

Chef Hanisha's favourites include prawn and calamari ala plancha, chargrilled mushroom, and the braised and pulled lamb steak. The latter, she says, was the most time-consuming dish to create. "Lamb shoulders are slow braised, cooled in their juices and then pulled. It is then set into steaks and chilled overnight. A layer of minted onions with a hint of chilli covers each steak, which is then crusted on one side and pan seared to finish. It is served with a velvety spiced jus," explains Hanisha.

From August 9 to 11 at The Conservatory. 1 pm and 7 30 pm, for lunch and dinner respectively. Tickets upwards of ₹3,800 are available on @conservatory.blr on Instagram

CITYBEATS

Monsoon memories

JULY 25 TO AUGUST 18
Celebrate the arrival of the monsoons at Esplanade with an exclusive Hilsa menu. Relish traditional Bengali favourites such as bhapa elish, elisher tel jhal and doi elish, and let each dish transport you to Kolkata's rain-soaked afternoons.
At Esplanade, Bengaluru for lunch and dinner. From ₹950 onwards. For reservation, call 08040927878 or 7204636284.

The road ahead

AUGUST 7
Seventy-five years post-Independence, India is a thriving democracy and fast-growing economy but faces challenges in education, health and governance. Karthik Muralidharan will discuss his book, *Accelerating India's Development: A State-Led Roadmap for Effective Governance*. The free event also includes a Q&A session.
At Bangalore International Centre, 6.30pm.

Avocado time

AUGUST 5 TO SEPTEMBER 4
Smoke House Deli has introduced a new avocado-inspired menu. Enjoy a variety of dishes from mango and avocado salad to avocado and egg toast. Each dish by chef Shamsul Wahid showcases the creamy texture and unique flavour of the avocado.
Available across Smoke House Deli outlets in Bengaluru. For reservation, call 08025200899 or 08041276272.

Wayanad landslide toll revised to 224 as search operation enters eighth day

The search teams recover seven body parts from different places of Wayanad and Malappuram; no new bodies retrieved and 152 are still missing as per official statement; State govt. will provide free power for six months to affected families

The Hindu Bureau
WAYANAD

The search for bodies of missing people in the Chooralmala-Mundakkai landslides continued on the eighth day on Tuesday. Although no new bodies were retrieved, the search teams retrieved seven body parts from different places. The death toll was officially revised to 224 as on Tuesday. While 148 bodies were recovered from Wayanad, 76 bodies have been retrieved from the Chaliyar in Nilambur so far. As many as 189 body parts too were recovered.

An official press statement said here on Tuesday that 152 people were missing. As many as 22 unidentified body parts were buried on Tuesday.

Intense operation: An elaborate search was conducted from Punchirimattam to Mundakkai and Chooralmala. THULASI KAKKAT

An elaborate search was conducted from Punchirimattam, where the landslide originated, down to Mundakkai and Chooralmala. The search extended further down to Soochippara waterfalls in Meppadi panchayat, and Pothukal and Nilambur in Malappuram district.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters airlifted two search teams to the remote Soochipara waterfalls and the densely forested Sunrise Valley. The choppers carried rescue teams comprising the Kerala Police's Special Operations Group (SOG), Army men, and Forest department officials. The Army's high-altitude operations experts and SOG personnel with rappelling gear were among the search team. Revenue Minister K. Rajan said the search teams scoured the dense undergrowth on the edges of the waterfall and at least two rapids downstream.

As many as 1,174 personnel of different forces took part in the search on Tuesday using 85 earthmovers. There were 1,126 volunteers on the disaster ground. As many as 18,000 volunteers have registered through the government system.

As many as 2,225 people of 648 displaced families were in 16 relief camps in Meppadi. They included 845 women and 533 children. The students of Government Higher Secondary School, Vellarmala, which was destroyed in the landslide, will be given facility at Government Higher Secondary School, Meppadi.

The government will provide free electricity for six months for the affected families of wards 10, 11 and 12 in Meppadi panchayat.

53 children missing

General Education Minister V. Sivankutty has pegged the number of schoolchildren missing or dead in the Wayanad landslides at 53. Speaking to reporters in Wayanad on Tuesday, Mr. Sivankutty said at least three children have reported their parents missing. An estimated 49 students hailed from families whose houses were destroyed or partially damaged in the landslides.

Parashurama statue row: Sculptor files plaint against Cong. leader

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

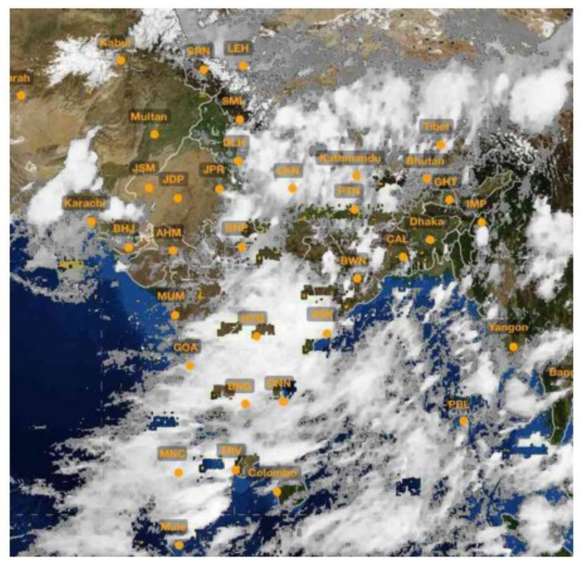
The sculptor of the 33-ft. Parashurama statue at Karkala in Udupi district filed a complaint with the Kengeri police here on Monday against Congress leader Uday Kumar Muniyal for "threatening" him to issue statements against Sunil Kumar, Karkala BJP MLA.

The sculptor, Krishna Naik, filed a complaint after the police recovered the torso of the statue from his workshop at Kengeri for investigation. The CID is conducting a probe against allegations of corruption in the Parashurama Theme Park Project at Karkala.

Mr. Muniyal had unsuccessfully contested the Assembly election against Mr. Sunil Kumar. In October 2023, the park was closed to the public after Nirmithi Kendra directed the contractor to reinforce the statue citing technical flaws. This snowballed into a controversy as Congress levelled corruption charges. The contractor/sculptor removed the torso and transported it to his workshop at Kengeri. In the complaint filed by Mr. Naik, it is alleged that Mr. Muniyal and his men barged into his workshop along with the police. When the police were doing a spot mahazar, Mr. Muniyal asked him to issue a statement against the MLA, he claimed. However, Mr. Muniyal denied that he threatened anyone.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.8	26.4	Kozhikode	1	31.6	25.0
Ahmedabad	0.8	32.0	25.9	Kurnool	13	31.7	25.4
Aizawl	5	31.0	23.7	Lucknow	—	33.4	27.4
Allahabad	—	34.3	27.9	Madurai	20	38.5	25.1
Bengaluru	40	29.2	20.4	Mangaluru	19	25.2	24.0
Bhopal	5	30.2	24.4	Mumbai	10	31.2	25.4
Bhubaneswar	4.7	30.0	25.0	Mysuru	—	29.2	20.0
Chandigarh	—	35.6	28.8	New Delhi	—	35.2	26.6
Chennai	—	36.4	26.6	Patna	38	29.9	26.6
Coimbatore	0.1	32.0	23.4	Port Blair	26	27.3	24.7
Dehradun	10	33.1	24.4	Puducherry	—	35.1	26.0
Gangtok	71	21.6	18.4	Pune	4.2	29.1	22.9
Goa	1	30.0	25.7	Raipur	42.8	31.0	25.9
Guwahati	26	31.0	25.5	Ranchi	26	28.8	23.2
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	0.8	22.7	17.5
Hyderabad	1	29.6	24.5	Shimla	6	25.8	20.5
Imphal	92	30.1	22.7	Srinagar	6	33.7	21.8
Jaipur	3	29.2	24.6	Thiruvananthapuram	0.6	32.6	24.7
Kochi	—	30.0	25.4	Tiruchi	2	36.9	24.6
Kohima	59	25.0	17.6	Vijayawada	8	37.0	25.8
Kolkata	0.5	33.4	27.8	Visakhapatnam	—	32.1	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	..41	40	 86	71	.....
Bengaluru	.12	..30	49	 44	52	.....
Chennai	...7	6	62	... 169	...135	.....
Delhi	.34	..33	30	 67	...113	.....
Hyderabad	...8	..48	83	 34	49	.....
Kolkata	...8	..59	25	 41	47	.....
Lucknow	.10	..28	93	 73	90	.....
Mumbai	..—	..37	66	 28	38	.....
Pune	..—	..19	81	 37	33	.....
Visakhapatnam	.10	..44	17	 50	94	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 149 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Centre issues norms for organ transport in India

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

In a first, the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued a set of guidelines for the transportation of live human organs.

The transport protocols aim to ensure the expeditious movement of life-saving organs from the point of harvest to their destination through effective use of available infrastructure.

The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994, allows harvesting of organs from living donors or brain-dead patients with the consent of family members. Such organs are transported from one hospital to another, sometimes far away, by air or road depending on the location of eligible recipients registered with their respective authorities.

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued on Monday will serve as a guiding document for healthcare institutions in States/Union Territories to transport organs by various modes of transport, including metro trains and over water. The instructions made it clear that human organs for transplant would be transported only within the territory of India and no organ shall be transported outside the country.

While transporting the organs by air (commercial/ non-commercial aircraft/ helicopter/ air ambulance etc., except drones), the Ministry recommended that the box containing the organ should be screened without opening it but passengers carrying it shall not be exempted from security checks.

Staff carrying/accompanying the organ box should be given priority in deboarding for which an in-flight announcement could be made by the Pilot-in-Command. Seating in front row seats, priority reservation, and provision for late check-ins for organ transport may be facilitated by the airline concerned. It would be the responsibility of the officials to define a green path (free from obstruction) and a trolley for the organ box from the ambulance to the aircraft at the point of origin and from the aircraft to an ambulance at the destination.

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ1.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:15:2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–08–2024

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2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಮೂಲ ನಿಧಿ – 03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಮಳಿಗೆ ನಿಧಿ – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2023–24 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 05 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91–8046010000 +91–8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/220/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH, AT BENGALURU

In the Matter of Section 66 of the Companies Act, 2013
And
In the Matter of Reduction of Share Capital of
WIPRO ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
CP No. 128/BB/2023

WIPRO ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U15141KA2010PTC054808
Reg. Office: Wipro House,No. 8, 7th Main 80 Feet Road,Koramangala,1st Block Bengaluru - 560 034, Karnataka
...PETITIONER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ORDER CONFIRMING REDUCTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

Notice is hereby given that, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal Bengaluru by its order dated the 30th July 2024 confirmed the reduction in the share capital of the Petitioner Company from Rs. 4,83,66,21,630/- (Rupees Four - Hundred Eighty-Three Crores Sixty-Six Lakhs Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Only) to Rs. 4,83,65,81,190/- (Rupees Four Hundred Eighty-Three Crores Sixty-Five Lakhs Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred and Ninety only) consisting of 48,36,58,119 (Forty-Eight Crores Thirty-Six Lakhs Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred and Nineteen only) equity shares of Rs. 10/- each.

Dated this 7th Day of August 2024
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No: KRIDL/WKS/STL/TND/2024-25 Date:03.08.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The applications are invited for the supply of TMT Steel Bars as per IS 1786 FE 550 to KRIDL (KLAC) sub divisions throughout Karnataka from the Manufacturers/Primary Manufacturers with turnover stipulated in table below, per annum in last 3 financial years. The firm shall have satisfactory completion of similar supplies of 1000 MT in the last three financial years to the Government Departments/Semi-Government Departments/ Public sector undertakings and Public & Private Firms/Companies. Interested manufacturers can participate in the tender and they can view, download and apply only through the E-Governance Secretariat's website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Contact:91-8046010000, +91-8068948777

S. N	Particulars of Tender	Qty. in M.T.	Aprox. Amount Rs. lakhs	EMD Amount in Rs. Lakhs	Required Turn over Per Annum of Firm in Lakhs
1	Tender Part-I Bengaluru & BBMP Zone	501	324.64	4.87	1039.00
2	Tender Part-II Mysuru Zone	619	403.58	6.05	1291.00
3	Tender Part-III Central (Chitradurga) Zone	780	507.78	7.62	1625.00
4	Tender Part-IV Belagavi Zone	715	449.02	6.74	1437.00
5	Tender Part-V Kalaburagi Zone	385	241.78	3.63	774.00

"One firm is eligible to participate in maximum of three parts of tender only, out of 5 parts mentioned in the above table"

Period of supply three months from the date of Supply order.

- Last date and time for enquiry is **04.09.2024 up to 14.00 hrs.**
- Last date and time for receipt of tender **04.09.2024 up to 16.00 hrs.**
- Date of Opening of Technical Bid is on **06.09.2024 at 16.00 hrs.**
- Date of Opening of Financial Bid is on **09.09.2024 at 16.00 hrs.**

For further details please contact:
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KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMET LTD,Bengaluru-09.
Phone: 080-28015604, Email: ddworkskridl@gmail.com
For information, please log on to: www.kridl.org.in
Sd/- Chief Engineer (Bengaluru)

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ई-निविदा की अवधि बढ़ाना / EXTENSION OF E-TENDER

इसरो कर्मचारी क्वार्टर्स, वीएसएससी, तुंबा में तरण ताल का निर्माण (सिविल तथा इलेक्ट्रोमैकानिकाल कार्य) / Construction of Swimming Pool at ISRO Staff Quarters, VSSC, Thumba (Civil & Electromechanical works),
NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/10/2024-25 Dt. 12.07.2024

डाउनलोड करने की अवधि/Period for downloading	दिनांक **16.08.2024** को **23:00** बजे तक बढ़ाए गए/Extended upto **23:00** hrs. on **16.08.2024**
निविदाओं की प्राप्ति / Receipt of tenders	दिनांक **23.08.2024** को **23:00** बजे तक बढ़ाए गए/Extended upto **23:00** hrs. on **23.08.2024**

योग्यता मानदंड तथा अन्य ब्यौरों को पाने के लिए इच्छुक निविदाकार ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए विस्तृत सूचना (ई-एनआइटी) का अवलोकन करें, जिसे www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। / Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO.

Sd/- ग्रुप निदेशक, सीएमजी, वीएसएससी / Group Director, CMG, VSSC

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-14/1143/2024-25 Date: 06.08.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work of:

Name of the work: Reconditioning and maintenance of street lights at Hassan Growth Center, sublayouts, B.Kathihalli, Holenarasipura, Thimmanahalli, Textile & Pharma SEZ Industrial Areas of Hassan District and Amble Industrial Area of Chikkamagaluru District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **21.08.2024** upto **4.30 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1325/Zen/2024-25

KMF Karnataka Co-Operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
KMF Complex, Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536625 / 26096834, e-mail : engg@kmf.coop

IFT No: KMF/ENGG/MD/ETP_WORKS/2024-25 Date: 06-08-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[Two cover System] [Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bengaluru invites tenders from the eligible ETP Turnkey contractors/ suppliers / manufacturers & any other eligible companies who have executed similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com, support@eprochelpdesk.com and helpline no. +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777, 080-22230960, 080-22234115

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Contract
1	Biannual Rate Contract For Providing Manpower For Operation and Maintenance of 1700 KLPD Capacity Effluent Treatment Plant at Mother Dairy at Yelahanka, Bengaluru District	1 Job	1,70,000/-	2 Years

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated 07-08-2024 to 19-08-2024 up to 4-00 pm.
2. Last date for Tender submission on date: 19-08-2024 up to 4.00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 21-08-2024 at 11.30 am.

The interested & reputed applicants may participate in the tender by logging on to website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in, Henceforth changes/modification in the tender, it will be uploaded in the KPP Portal only.

For Karnataka Co-Op. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-1/F-114/24-25/2792-96 Date: 05.08.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP Mode Only)

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from **Reputed Electrical Contractor possessing Super Grade Electrical Contractor License** for **Bid Enquiry No.** KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/24-25/02 Dated: 14.06.2024 for Replacement of overhead Drake bus by 1 Corex1000Sqmm UG Cable from 12.5MVA Power Transformer-2 to Bank-3 at 66/11kV MUSS Guttur.

Tenders will be accepted through KPPP Mode only. For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on to hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** to participate in KPP portal **on or after 07.08.2024.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium,
Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Ph: 08192-250774.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of **M/s. DIVYASREE VALDEL REALTORS,** having its office at 'Divya Sree Chambers', 'Wing 'A', #11, O' Shaughnessy Road, Bengaluru – 560 025, Karnataka **("Owner")** with respect to the converted lands all situated at Akkalenahalli Mallenahalli Villages, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as **"Schedule Property".**

Any person/s asserting any right, title, interest, claim or demand in relation to the Schedule Property or any part thereof or the documents thereof or against the Owner, may lodge their statements, objections or claims in writing, along with documentary evidence on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, with the undersigned, **within 10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice, after which period our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of converted lands detailed below totally measuring **30 Acres 37 Guntas all situated at Akkalenahalli Mallenahalli Villages, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, duly converted for non-agricultural use by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru.**

Sy. Nos.	EXTENT		BOUNDED BY			
	ACRES	GUNTAS	EAST	WEST	NORTH	SOUTH
37/17	5	10.30	Sy. Nos. 37/6, 37/9, 37/12 and 37/27	Sy. Nos. 37/20 and 37/23	Sy. No. 37/20 and Metro Land	Remaining portion of Sy. No. 37/17
37/27	6	27.80	Sy. No. 37/11	Sy. No. 37/17	Sy. Nos. 37/17 and 37/12	Remaining portion of Sy. No. 37/27
37/12	2	37.50	Sy. No. 37/11 and Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 37/12	Sy. No. 37/17	Sy. No. 37/9	Sy. No. 37/27
37/9	3	24.90	Sy. No. 37/11 and Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 37/9	Sy. No. 37/17	Sy. No. 37/6	Sy. No. 37/12
37/6	3	08.50	Sy. No. 37/11	Sy. No. 37/17 and Metro land	Sy. Nos. 37/24, 37/14 and Metro Land	Sy. Nos. 37/9 and 37/11
37/24	0	22.70	Sy. Nos. 37/14 and 37/6	Sy. No. 37/6 and Metro land	Metro land	Sy. No. 37/6
37/11	3	8.70	Sy. No. 37/8	Sy. Nos. 37/14 37/6 and 37/9	Sy. No. 37/6 and Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 37/11	Sy. No. 37/8 and Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 37/11
37/14	1	19.90	Sy. No. 37/11	Sy. No. 37/24 and Metro land	Metro Land	Sy. No. 37/6
37/8	2	29.60	Sy. Nos. 37/5 and 37/25	Sy. No. 37/11	Sy. Nos. 37/11, 37/25 and Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 37/8	Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 37/8
37/25	0	10.20	Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 37/25	Sy. No. 37/8	Sy. No. 37/8 and Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 37/25	Sy. No. 37/8
37/5	0	36.90	Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 37/5	Sy. No. 37/8	Sy. Nos. 37/25 and 37/19	Remaining portion of Sy. No. 37/5

Place: Bengaluru
Dated: 07.08.2024

Malini Raju
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From hope to despair

Hasina developed an authoritarian streak as she stayed on in power

With her dramatic escape from Dhaka, just moments before mob arson and vandalism, ousted Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will have time to pause and consider what led to this little-expected outcome. Once the hope of Bangladesh's youth, in battles for democracy, and a Prime Minister who breathed life into the Bangladeshi economy, Ms. Hasina was eventually seen as the students' greatest adversary, held responsible for over 300 deaths in protests of the past two months. While she was admired for her crackdown on terrorist camps in 2009, handing over criminals to India, and her campaign against radicalisation, Ms. Hasina was recently more reviled for using the same strong-arm tactics on her opponents. The student protests over the quotas that began in July may have been the final straw; anger was building up over the past decade, with allegations of vote rigging and the suppression of media, and sending leaders, journalists and activists to jail on trumped-up charges. Even after winning elections in January for a fourth term, Ms. Hasina continued down that path, with cases and jail terms against Nobel Laureate and Grameen Bank founder Muhammad Yunus, now tipped to head the interim government. Her actions, and refusal to give any space for dissent, have tarnished the legacy she holds most dear – that of her father, the much-beloved founder of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, whose statues now stand amidst the rubble. There is no doubt that the extreme mob violence and protests had political support, and possibly the encouragement of elements in Pakistan and the U.S., both of which had tense ties with the Awami League government. More worrying is the underlying involvement of Islamist groups that could affect the religious tolerance and secularism that Ms. Hasina tried to usher in during her 15-year tenure.

For India, each of these outcomes must be cause for introspection. New Delhi was not just complicit in Ms. Hasina's actions against Bangladeshi opposition members by failing to advise her of the repercussions. It also failed to engage them, losing goodwill on Dhaka's streets as well. The Modi government's unalloyed support for Ms. Hasina also ensured her uncritical support, forcing her to accept even unpopular decisions such as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. While securing Ms. Hasina's safety and well-being, in a manner accorded to a leader who has always upheld India's interests, the government must not waste time in engaging with the next regime and work to assist a peaceful transition to a more inclusive process for democracy in Bangladesh.

Healing a nation

Harris's late entry to the race gives her more advantages than disadvantages

With arguably the most unexpected plot twist in the recent history of U.S. politics playing out in the form of incumbent President Joe Biden stepping back from the race for the November election, the hope for building a less toxic and more compassionate paradigm of politics for the next four years has fallen to his nominee, Vice-President Kamala Harris. Ms. Harris, of mixed Indian and Jamaican heritage, has been formally recognised as the Democratic Party's candidate to take on Republican challenger and former President, Donald Trump, after she secured more than a majority of votes from party delegates just before the Democratic National Convention later this month. Now, Ms. Harris is in the throes of a high-speed dash to the finish line, including a flurry of campaign activity relating to her vice-presidential pick, the optics of the Convention, the presidential debates to follow, and the ceaseless generation of media and online advertising material aimed at swaying voters' minds in her favour. Her strategy appears to be working – in picking Minnesota's progressive Governor, Tim Walz, as her running mate, she has partnered with a leader with a reputation for turning Republican districts Democratic. Although Mr. Biden had trailed Mr. Trump by a few points in approval surveys across the critical swing States, Ms. Harris has not only tipped the scale back towards Democrats by a margin of 1.9% based on an updating adjusted average of major national polls, but she has also proven her credentials in pecuniary terms by raising a whopping $310 million in July, including $200 million in the first week after entering the race.

Her late entry comes with both advantages and risks. On the one hand the Trump campaign has had to scramble and re-focus its critique on her after spending months and even more dollars targeting Mr. Biden, especially highlighting his age, and blaming his administration for alleged failures regarding the economy and job creation, and immigration. Now, Mr. Trump appears to be pivoting to a baser tenor of name-calling and race-baiting, disputing Ms. Harris's racial identity in uncharitable terms. This, ironically, cedes the high ground to Ms. Harris, potentially giving her the space to cast a broader political net and forge a more inclusive policy agenda that could rise above race politics, reinvigorate the liberal base and values of her party, and allow her to be seen as more than just the alternative candidate to Mr. Trump. The reality is that it is not only the U.S. but also the world that would stand to gain from Washington under the next President holding firm to core democratic values and genuinely working towards peace across the many troubled regions of the world, most immediately in the context of the conflict in Gaza spiralling across West Asia, and Russia's belligerence in Ukraine.

Powering up to get to the $30-trillion economy point

Rahul Ahluwalia

Founder-Director at the Foundation for Economic Development (FED), a not-for-profit that works with the Centre and State governments to advance economic growth

Harshit Rakheja

Manager, Communications at the Foundation for Economic Development

Commentary on the India growth story often betrays a hint of premature triumphalism. Facts such as our 7%-plus GDP growth rate and India being the fastest-growing large economy in the world today, are repeated to buttress prophecies such as the 21st century being 'India's century'. There is a belief that in India's case, economic growth is inevitable. We must remember that several countries have been here before, at the very juncture where India stands today. However, most have failed to go the last mile and emerge as developed nations. For India to avoid such a fate and become a $30-trillion economy by 2047, as envisaged by the government, we must relentlessly pursue rapid economic growth built on liberal economic policies that harness the private sector. In this pursuit, many would continue to decry India's income inequality. We must not get swayed or overly affected by such criticism.

Potential of India's working-age population

The fact is: economic growth is the most effective tool for poverty alleviation and improving living standards. From Independence till 1991, India's poverty rate stayed at approximately 50% despite socialist policies emphasising poverty reduction. However, between 1991, the year of liberalisation, and 2011, the poverty rate fell to approximately 20%. India's growth pulled 35 crore people out of abject poverty during this period.

Is India more unequal today than pre-1991? Perhaps, though the data does not show much change in the gini co-efficient. But are more Indians better off than ever before, especially those at the bottom of the pyramid? Yes. In any fast-growing economy, there are bound to be a few people who generate a lot of wealth – wealth creation is inherent to economic growth and the most crucial incentive for entrepreneurship. It is also, simultaneously, the vehicle that improves everyone's lives. We should focus on the latter.

Now that we have somewhat placated the inequality doomsayers, let us look at a few more numbers – less triumphal and more sobering.

The easier gains from the economic reforms of the 1990s have been realised. India's high-growth years of 2000-10 were led by an IT services boom that spawned an affluent middle-class. However, 46% of our labour force remains in agriculture, characterised by low productivity and under-employment, contributing just 18% of our GDP. Another inconsistency with the trend observed in countries that grew rapidly is India's female labour force participation rate (FLFPR) – just 37%.

Even this is a figure that masks more than it reveals, as it was 26% in 2019, and post-COVID-19, several women have gone back to work as agricultural labour. Compare this with the FLFPR in China, Vietnam, and Japan, all between 60%-70%, and we know exactly where we need to be.

> India must aim for rapid economic growth using liberal policies that tap the private sector; it should not be affected by criticism of income inequality

So, how do we unlock the immense potential of India's working-age population - sized 950 million, only half of whom are employed – and ensure employment equity? Low-skilled, employment-intensive manufacturing with a strong focus on exports is how South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Vietnam came to be called the 'Asian Tigers', regularly achieving double-digit growth between 1960-90. Their particular brand of economic policy, focused on rapid export-oriented industrialisation, was premised on the understanding that growing exports require focusing on your advantages while being receptive to imports in other areas. Net-net, openness is needed for growth, as it was for India – between 1990 and 2013, exports as a percentage of India's GDP grew from 7% in 1990 to 25% in 2013. Today, as India tries to capitalise on the China+1 moment to attract global manufacturers and their supply chains, and further augment its exports, we must resist the temptation of putting up huge tariff walls for imports.

The middle-income trap

In our hope of protecting industries from foreign competition, we risk giving rise to heavily coddled and inefficient manufacturers. The lure of import tariffs must also be resisted for how they will disadvantage Indian manufacturers, say a mobile phone maker who has to import components from China. Tariffs will artificially inflate the prices of the many parts needed for their finished phones, ultimately raising the prices of downstream Indian exports. It is the proverbial vicious circle that India should steer clear of, especially as the middle-income trap looms ahead.

Of 101 middle-income economies in 1960, only 23 had attained high-income status by 2018, a stern reminder of the challenge that awaits India, still a lower-middle-income economy that must graduate to middle-income status by the early part of the next decade, and then go further. There are many reasons countries get ensnared in the middle-income trap – these can be broadly summed up as economies losing their edge in lower-end sectors and not being competitive enough with more prosperous countries in high-tech sectors.

India's problem is peculiar: We have been unable to leverage our surplus labour to grow in low-end sectors. The IT boom gave us an alternative pathway to growth, but the headroom there is limited. This is damaging as moving up the value chain in manufacturing is built on a foundation of low-tech manufacturing – ecosystems of managers and workers who get things done while ensuring scale and quality, form the backbone of any industrial sector. Even government functionaries who have helped develop simple, low-tech manufacturing at scale will find it easier to graduate to more complex challenges later.

India's social sector and civil society should view campaigns that paint factories (hubs of low-tech manufacturing) as sweatshops, decrying their work conditions and low wages, in this regard. Forcing employers operating on wafer-thin margins to spend more on employee welfare would not improve the quality of manufacturing jobs as much as it would result in the erasure of such jobs altogether for those with very few options for employment outside of farm work.

Avoiding the middle-income trap requires a market-led economy that lets private enterprise thrive, without the government, or perceptions of factory jobs, getting in the way – Minimum Government, Maximum Governance. The Indian state must continue delivering on this decade-long promise in earnest, which means that reforms to enhance 'ease of doing business' must not stall.

A cluster-led industrial model

The government must also double down on its impressive achievements in revamping India's hitherto creaky infrastructure by building industrial clusters that are on a par with those in China and Vietnam, replete with plug-and-play infrastructure and ancillary ecosystems, for education, health care and entertainment, which would attract both employers and workers. Today, Indian States face cost disabilities for power, logistics and financing, coupled with low labour productivity when compared to countries such as Bangladesh, China and Vietnam, and a compliance burden that deters new players from entering and the existing ones from expanding. Several countries have faced similar challenges; hence, a cluster-led model of industrial development, whereby stringent regulations are relaxed in designated areas, helps create a favourable environment for manufacturing.

Time is of the essence; the government must leverage the strengths of the private sector and its own penchant for reforms to focus on low-skilled manufacturing that can employ multitudes of people in sectors such as electronics assembly and apparel, as the opportunity that needs to be made more lucrative for scores of Indians. Inter-State migration and urbanisation would be important proxies here, as would FLFPR and a decline in agriculture's share of total employment, to assess whether we are on the right path to becoming a $30-trillion economy by 2047.

There is a phrase often repeated in policy circles about India – "It's a country with mouth-watering opportunities and eyewatering challenges." We think the challenges here are the most exciting opportunities. The reward for breaking down these barriers to growth would be an unfettered path to prosperity till we fulfil our tryst with destiny. It is time to be as forward-thinking and ambitious as befits a Vishwaguru.

A shift in the U.S. to autocratic trends

Krishnan Srinivasan

a former Foreign Secretary

Since the Second World War, Washington has defined its foreign policy as a moral conflict between democracies and dictatorships, though this definition proved malleable and redacted to those siding with the United States and those against. The binary between democracy and autocracy is now further blurred by political trends within the U.S. itself.

A different situation prevails

In the past, American presidential politics comprised differences over policy and principle, when Presidents and Congress jostled for advantage and the boundaries of executive authority were negotiated. Despite serious disagreements, the norms of civility and forbearance prevailed in a mood consistent with democratic governance.

That situation no longer prevails. The populist faction, perhaps majority, that dominates the Republican Party, embraces a strongman vision of leadership that operates beyond customary democratic norms. This is now centre-stage in U.S. politics, endorsed by the July 1, 2024 ruling of the Supreme Court which granted former U.S. President Donald Trump's desire to guarantee that that his attempts to overturn the 2020 presidential election would not go to trial before the presidential election in November.

The Supreme Court allowed American Presidents an absolute immunity from prosecution for core official acts and Chief Justice John Roberts summarised the decision of the majority comprising six conservative Justices thus; "We conclude that under our constitutional structure of separated powers, the nature of Presidential power requires that a former President have some immunity from criminal prosecution for official acts during his tenure in office. At least with respect to the President's exercise of his core constitutional powers, this immunity must be absolute. As for his remaining official actions, he is also entitled to immunity."

> The binary between democracy and autocracy is getting blurred by political trends within the United States

The Supreme Court decision does not place Presidents above the law, but removes restrictions on possible presidential abuse of power placed by both Democrats and Republicans since the 1970s, when growing executive authority and abuse of power were checkmated after Watergate.

Three liberal judges dissented from this decision, warning that granting presidential immunity would impact American democracy. Justice Sonia Sotomayor said, "the category of presidential action that can be deemed unofficial is destined to be vanishingly small."

Phases of transformation

The American presidency has undergone periods of transformation in the modern era, each involving a dramatic expansion of power. The first was the rise of the administrative state under Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, which grew in size and cost under Franklin Roosevelt, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, when bi-partisan values broadened the scope of government intervention and generated a complex bureaucracy to address social problems and social welfare. This administrative state, with its resources and agencies, enabled Presidents from both parties to direct public policy and construct their legacies. They needed to bring the administration under their direct control, which led to the centralised apparatus that reposes in the Executive Office of the President.

Far-right opinion began to regard the ever-expanding administrative state as unconstitutional, socialist and opposed to individual liberties. With growing Republican strength in the southern States and political activation by evangelicals, the conservative movement led to the conviction that the answer lay in a leader wielding top-down power and a different orientation towards laws that impeded his ambitions. President George W. Bush signed the Patriot Act that assumed some autocratic powers, expanded the surveillance capabilities of the administration, and allowed torture of prisoners contrary to statutory law.

The populist tendency of Republican conservatism is concentrated among less educated, blue-collar, white, rural, religious populations disadvantaged by globalisation, threatened culturally and economically, and driven by grievance and anger. They seek a leader to attack the prevailing system, flout its procedures and take remedial action on their behalf. Democrats are seen as their enemies rather than political opponents, the contest pitting the people against big government and the corrupt and illegitimate Washington establishment.

The new normal

In Donald Trump, the populists found their natural leader. From the moment he announced his intention to seek the presidency, he made it clear that he had little use for the legal limitations of democracy. During his tenure, Mr. Trump waged a campaign against the norms and institutions of two-party politics, the climax being shortly after his 2020 election loss, when, despite his deploying the authoritarian actions of a strongman presidency, he was prevented from overriding Joe Biden's electoral victory.

Populist extremism is the new normal of the political Right that has taken over the Republican Party. It energises the party with hatred for the administrative state and embraces a strongman presidency as the panacea for its grievances, thereby threatening the basic fundamentals of democracy. This is given substance by Mr. Trump himself through ambiguous but ominous pronouncements to supporters such as in Florida on July 26 – "you don't have to vote again, we'll have it fixed so good you're not going to have to vote." Unless such sentiments are blunted in the years to come, democracy in the United States faces an uncertain future

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Change in Bangladesh

The sudden and shock change in Bangladesh and the certainty that the BNP and radical forces will occupy the space left vacant by Sheikh Hasina are events sure to lead to the formation of a more hostile neighbourhood for India. The developments pose security concerns. The prevailing situation is a litmus test for India's foreign policy framework as India and Bangladesh are interlocked in history and geography.

S. Seshadri,
Chennai

Once again it has become clear that autocracy and authoritarianism cannot prevail forever. It is also clear that the voice of the common man cannot be suppressed for long.

Balagopal Gopinath,
Keerikkad, Alappuzha, Kerala

A Bangladesh that is in the hands of hardliners, radicals and Pakistani influence does not augur well for India. It is a monumental failure, on India's part, not to have predicted the strong currents against Ms. Hasina. The neighbourhood-first policy has failed as far as India's allies are concerned.

A. Thirugnanasambantham,
Coimbatore

Claim and reality

The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu's claim, that rain water has not stagnated in Chennai ("Time is not ripe to elevate Udayanidhi as Deputy CM, says Stalin", August 6) evokes mirth. The picture accompanying a report, "After a brief hiatus, thunderstorms return to north T.N." (Chennai, page 4, August 6), speaks a thousand words. To see that water has stagnated in spite of the Chief Minister's claim to the contrary, even when the northeast monsoon is a couple of months away, is cause for concern.

V. Manjunath,
Chennai

Counting the 'poor' having nutritional deficiency

G.C. Manna

Professor at the Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, and a senior adviser at the National Council of Applied Economic Research

D. Mukhopadhyay

Former Deputy Director General of the National Sample Survey Office

The National Sample Survey Office recently released a detailed report based on the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES): 2022-23. Along with the report, the unit-level data on household consumption expenditure (HCE) is available in the public domain. The HCES collected data on the quantities of various food items consumed by households during specified reference periods and the total value of consumption of different food and non-food items. This analysis uses this information to convert the quantities of consumed food items into their total calorific value, and then compares the estimated per capita per day calorie intake of household members in the lower expenditure classes with the average per capita daily calorie requirement for a healthy life.

Approach of measurement

This analysis addresses two key issues: one, how one defines the 'poor' and two, the measurement aspect of the nutritional level.

In the Indian context, the various committees constituted earlier by the government, including the Lakdawala, the Tendulkar, and the Rangarajan Committees, have defined the poor as the persons below the 'poverty line' (PL). The PL is a monetary equivalence based on household monthly per capita consumer expenditure (MPCE) that should be sufficient for the household to purchase the food and non-food items included in the poverty line basket (PLB).

The Lakdawala Committee anchored the PL and the PLB, which included food and non-food items, to calorie norms of 2,400 kcal per capita per day for rural areas and 2,100 kcal per capita per day for urban areas. In contrast, the Tendulkar Committee did not anchor the PL to a calorie norm. The PL according to Rangarajan Committee is based on 'certain normative levels of adequate nourishment, clothing, house rent, conveyance and education, and a behaviorally determined level of other non-food expenses'.

The methodology of this analysis first derives the average daily per capita calorie requirement (PCCR) for a healthy life based on the recommended energy requirements for Indians of different age-sex-activity categories as per the latest (2020) report of ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition.

The PCCR has been worked out as a weighted average of the calorie requirements of persons in different age-sex-activity categories with corresponding weights as the proportion of estimated persons in these categories as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey, 2022-23.

In the second step, estimated persons are arranged into 20 fractile classes of MPCE (poorest to richest), each comprising five per cent population, with the estimates of average per capita per day calorie intake (PCCI) and average MPCE (food and non-food) derived for each class based on the data of HCES 2022-23. From this all-India distribution, the average MPCE on food linked to the normative level of the PCCR is derived.

In a common man's language, this average per capita expenditure on food can be considered the minimum amount a household must spend on food items for its members to maintain a healthy life. This average per capita expenditure on food, combined with the average MPCE on non-food items for the poorest five per cent is added to derive the total MPCE threshold (at average all-India prices) that is necessary for spending on food items (ensuring adequate nourishment) and on the non-food items with a bare minimum expenditure on the latter. This all-India total MPCE threshold is adjusted for price differentials across States/UTs in terms of general Consumer Price Index numbers to derive the corresponding State/UT-specific total MPCE thresholds.

State/UT-wise proportion of 'poor'/ deprived, strictly for this analysis, is derived as the proportion of persons below such total MPCE thresholds. Finally, the proportion of 'poor'/deprived for the country is derived as the weighted average of the State/UT-wise proportions of deprived with respective weights as the projected populations of the States/UTs as of March 1, 2023, based on July 2020 report of the National Commission on Population. The analysis involves certain approximations in deriving the calorie intake figures at the household level in quite a few cases where the HCES data reports the aggregate quantity figures for certain items grouped.

The PCCR is estimated to be 2,172 kcal for rural India and 2,135 kcal for urban India. At 2022-23 prices, the all-India threshold total MPCE is ₹2,197 (food: ₹1,569 and non-food: ₹628) for rural India and ₹3,077 (food: ₹2,098 and non-food: ₹979) for urban India. The corresponding proportion of 'poor' i.e. deprived is estimated at 17.1% for rural areas and 14% for urban areas.

If the non-food expenditure of the poorest 10% is considered instead of the poorest five per cent, the threshold total MPCE increases to ₹2,395 for rural areas and ₹3,416 for urban areas, with the consequent increase in the corresponding proportion of deprived to 23.2% for rural India and 19.4% for urban India. Regarding nutritional deficiency, the average PCCI of the poorest five per cent and the immediately above five per cent in rural India is 1,564 kcal and 1,764 kcal, respectively. For urban India, it is estimated to be 1,607 kcal and 1,773 kcal, respectively, which fall far short of the PCCR. The government has several welfare programmes, aimed at uplifting the poor, including improving their health conditions. It will go a long way if some nutritional schemes targeted towards the poorest of the poor are put in place to raise their level of nourishment to have a healthy life.

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Views expressed are personal

Set for a stand-off with Governor

Government in Karnataka is clashing with Governor over a notice issued to CM

STATE OF PLAY

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Karnataka has been witnessing political theatrics for over a week with the ruling Congress accusing the Raj Bhavan of 'taking instruction' from the BJP to destabilise the democratically elected government. The government has locked horns with Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot after he issued a show cause notice to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The notice questioned why sanction to prosecute Mr. Siddaramaiah should not be given to probe the alleged irregularities in the distribution of sites to his wife by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in lieu of land acquired from her.

A meeting of the Council of Ministers, chaired by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar – after the Chief Minster stayed away from the Cabinet – advised the Governor to withdraw the notice and reject the request seeking sanction for prosecution. The Congress High Command, which has so far rallied behind the Chief Minister and asked his Cabinet colleagues to stay united, has indicated its willingness to take the fight against what it calls the 'anti-democratic and anti-constitution move of the Governor' to the streets and mount a legal battle.

The alleged MUDA irregularities pertain to the compensatory allotment of residential sites under a 50:50 scheme, where the land loser receives 50% of the developed land. Chief Minister's wife Parvathi is alleged to have been allotted 14 sites under a 50:50 scheme in lieu of three acres and 16 guntas acquired by MUDA to develop a layout. She benefitted from the scheme during the BJP's rule in 2023 when Mr. Siddaramaiah was the Leader of the Opposition.

While the alleged irregularities in the scheme had been in the public domain for nearly a year, it assumed importance when it was revealed that a family member of the Chief Minister from Mysuru district was a beneficiary. Several political leaders across the spectrum are also alleged to be the beneficiaries.

Facing intense pressure for the first time in this tenure, Mr. Siddaramaiah and his supporters have steadfastly denied the irregularities, citing legal and procedural provisions.

Before issuing the show cause notice, the Governor sought clarifications from the government on two occasions. Clarifications were provided by the Chief Secretary on one occasion and by the Chief Minister during a personal meeting on another occasion.

Eventually, on July 26, the Governor issued a show cause notice, giving the Chief Minister a week's time to respond. On the last day of the deadline, the Council of Ministers advised the Governor to withdraw the notice and reject the request for prosecution sanction.

Showing solidarity with the Chief Minister, the government fielded eight senior Ministers to speak on the decision of the council of Ministers. Terming the Governor's action as "done in haste and without application of mind", they argued that under Article 163 of the Constitution, the Governor lacks the discretion to serve a show cause notice to the Chief Minister without a report from an inquiry or investigating agency. In 2011 when the then Governor H.R. Bhardwaj gave prosecution sanction against then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, the Governor had the Lokayukta report, they contended, adding that the provisions in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, has also been modified since then. They also pointed out that the Governor's action was premature since a complaint had been made with the Lokayukta.

A Minister, who did not wish to be named, said that the party was anticipating a "replay of the rule book under the BJP's standard operating procedure" deployed by Governors in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Jharkhand, and were expecting Mr. Gehlot to sanction prosecution.

The BJP and JD(S) have been unrelenting in their demand for the Chief Minister's resignation and are on a 140-kilometres padayatra to Mysuru from Bengaluru. In response, the Congress has been holding the Janandolana programme in big towns en route the padayatra to fight "misinformation", and mocked BJP for staging a protest against itself as the 50:50 scheme was implemented during the BJP regime.

As Mr. Siddaramaiah, who has prided himself on his "corruption-free four-decade political career" braces to fight the allegations, all eyes are now on the Governor's next move.

Venezuela under Maduro — authoritarianism and economic chaos

The country's petrostate model and U.S. sanctions have led to a severe reversal of fortunes

DATA POINT

Jasmin Nihalani

On July 28, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro returned to power after a controversial election, whose results have been disputed by the Opposition and several countries. The unpopularity of Mr. Maduro's regime is not under question as he oversaw an economy that descended into a free fall in his 11 years in power. The country's annual inflation rate skyrocketed to five digits, along with shortages of basic supplies. It slid down the democracy index and touched new highs on bribery indices. Humanitarian and economic conditions have triggered a mass exodus, with as many as 7.7 million Venezuelans fleeing the country.

Chart 1 shows how Venezuela's GDP (in current prices) started declining since Mr. Maduro's ascent to power in 2013. According to the IMF, Venezuela's real GDP saw the most protracted contraction in modern history during the last decade. Between 2013 and 2021, the economy contracted by 75%, the largest for any country not at war. **Chart 2** plots Venezuela's annual inflation rate. The country's inflation spiralled to a peak of 65,374% resulting in hyperinflation in 2018 and remained in more than three digits for nine years.

Chart 3 shows how Venezuela fares on two indices maintained by the V-dem (Varieties of Democracy) Institute – the liberal democracy index and the executive corruption index. Since 1999 – which heralded the era of Chavismo with Mr. Maduro's predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez, coming to power – the country dropped on the liberal democracy index and underwent a rise on the corruption index. As of 2023, V-dem classifies the country as an electoral autocracy. Mr. Chavez's rise coincided with a popular movement against the entrenched two-party system which was seen as failing to empower the masses. His regime sought to redistribute revenues from its flourishing petroleum extraction industry into welfare and this ensured that the country's dependence on this industry became even more entrenched.

Venezuela sits on the world's largest crude reserves. As **Chart 4** shows, Venezuela's petroleum exports formed about 80% of the country's exports and remained in the range, 70% to 96%, between 1960 and 2023, making the country a "petrostate". Petroleum exports also amount to 14% of the country's GDP (as of 2023) and until 2019 remained over and above the 20% mark.

However, the production of crude oil has reduced significantly over time. Compared to 1973, when the country was producing 3.36 million barrels a day, the figure slipped to 0.78 million in 2023. The number of active oil rigs in the country fell from 221 in 2014 to just three in 2023. Venezuela was the highest producer of crude among OPEC countries until 1969. But as of 2023, it ranks 9th in crude production. **Chart 5** shows Venezuela's crude production (in 1,000 barrels a day), and active oil rigs against the nominal price of oil over time. The drastic production cuts are directly linked to the sanctions imposed by the Donald Trump-led U.S. regime in 2017, a time when oil prices recovered globally.

For many years, the trend of Venezuela's exports and imports of goods and services followed that of oil prices **(Chart 6)**. However, the current spike in oil prices has not seen a commensurate rise in exports and imports due to the imposition of sanctions by the U.S. Since 2023, following the Barbados agreement, the U.S. eased some of its sanctions and this allowed an increase in exports. However, the subsequent measures by the Mr. Maduro regime to ban Opposition candidates resulted in a re-imposition of sanctions.

Charting a "petrostate's" downturn

The data for the charts were sourced from OPEC, IMF and V-Dem

The charts show a picture of economic crises amid rising authoritarianism in Venezuela

Chart 1: GDP (current prices, $bn)

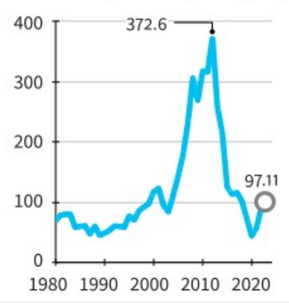


Chart 2: Annual inflation (in %)

Chart 3: Scores on V-Dem indices

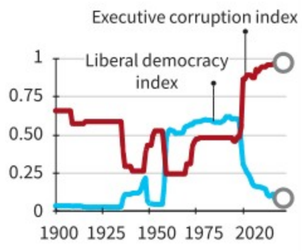


Chart 4: The chart shows Venezuela's petroleum exports as a share of total exports and GDP

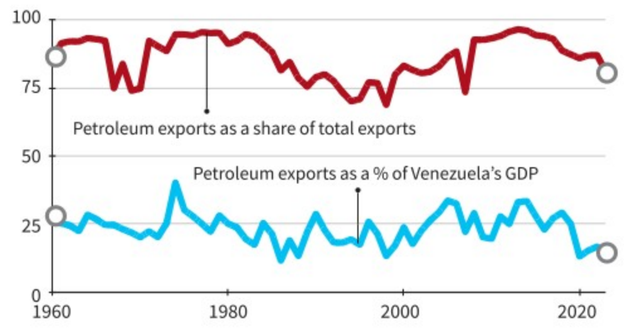


Chart 5: The chart shows Venezuela's crude production, active rigs and the nominal oil price over time

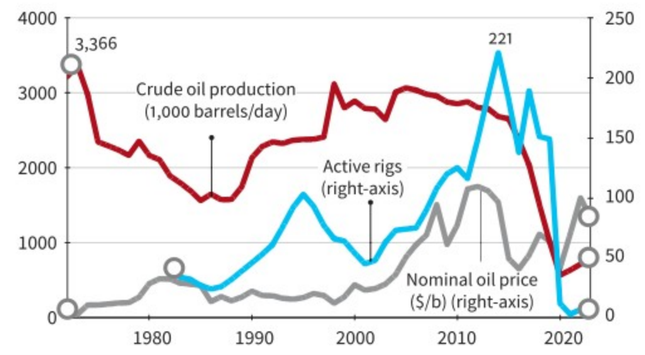
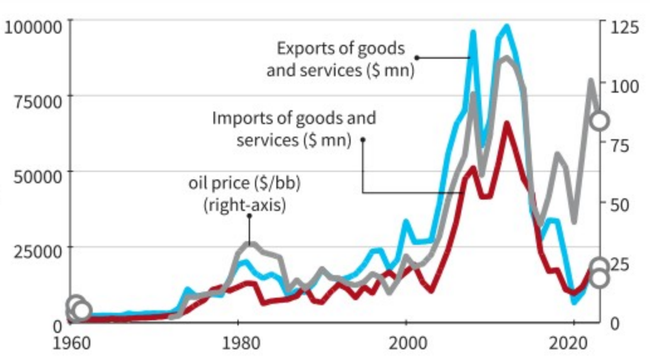


Chart 6: The chart shows Venezuela's exports and imports against the oil prices



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1974

A well-nurtured legacy

Madras, August 7: Rocked by the waves of the choppy sea, the boats came slithering into the club house, swinging and swaying. As each competitor got off his boat and climbed on to the landing, he was greeted by a burst of cheering. This was followed by general merriment, with the young and old mingling freely and swapping sea-tales long into the night.

This was the scene at the club house of the Royal Madras Yacht Club last Saturday, when the Johnnie Walker Trophy donated by the Shaw-Wallace Co. Ltd., was fought out by 13 boats with their crew. Not only for this prestigious race, inaugurated this year, but also for ordinary friendly races, there is the same amount of enthusiasm in the air, which shows the popularity that sailing is picking up.

Sailing is one of the legacies left by the Englishmen and the Royal Madras Yacht Club has kept up the traditions, set up by pioneers like Spring, Armstrong and Ramble and fostered by Deavin and more likely by Claudius and Guinan. Actually, the Club came into being way back in October 1911 thanks to the efforts of Sir Francis Spring, the Chairman of the Port Trust and Lord Carmichael, the then Governor of Madras was the first Commodore. The Club which was first housed in Timber-Pond, then moved to the South Quay and at present at the club-house at Old North Beach Office has now 80-odd members on its rolls housewives, businessmen, University dons school boys, etc. There is regular sailing on Saturdays and Sundays, when the sea adjoining Royapuram is dotted with sail-boats plying across busily.

Squally weather and pouring rain are not conducive to good sailing and so the sailing season at Madras extends from January to October. It is heartening that school and college-going youngsters of both sexes are coming up in large numbers to take up this sport.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1924

Counterfeit coins.

Darjeeling, August 6: The Police raided the coiner's den, arrested three Chinese and recovered implements and materials for counterfeiting coins and a large number of four, anna and two-anna bits. Trained monkeys were employed to guard the approaches to the den.

From Page One

President dissolves Bangladesh Parliament

Sohel Rana, the Additional Deputy Inspector General of Bangladesh Police, said that the perpetrators involved in the killing of students and civilians would be arrested and face legal action.

Many former Ministers, including former Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud, MPs, and other leaders of the Awami League and its affiliates were stopped and arrested at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport while trying to leave the country.

The families of political prisoners secretly jailed under the Awami League government gathered in front of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) headquarters, and were seen waiting for news of their relatives, as some of those who had been missing were released on Tuesday. Former Army Brigadier General Abdullahil Aman Azmi, the second son of the late Jamaat-e-Islami leader Ghulam Azam was released, along with Mir Ahmad Bin Quasem, the younger son of executed JeI leader Mir Quasem Ali.

The Bangladesh Army made a major reshuffle in its top posts, with Maj. Gen. Ziaul Ahsan, popularly known as Major Zia, being relieved from service, while some others were reassigned.

Attacks on minorities

On Tuesday, European Union diplomats in Bangladesh expressed their "serious concern" about the reports of attacks on minority communities.

However, in many locations, leaders from the BNP, Jamaat and other political parties were seen standing guard in front of Hindu temples to protect them from potential attacks. Monzurul Islam, president of the Jamaat-e-Islaami student wing Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir, told *The Hindu*: "Those who want to attack the homes and temples of Hindu people are attempting to make the mass protests controversial. We have instructed our activists and leaders to protect the temples and homes of the Hindu community, and many have stood guard throughout the night."

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Hasina looks at UAE, Saudi Arabia for asylum

"It is not possible to apply for asylum from outside the U.K.," said a source, pointing to British immigration law, and adding that anyone seeking asylum must apply in the "first safe country they reach", virtually lobbing the ball into India's court.

The former Bangladesh Prime Minister had formally requested for permission to travel to the U.K. shortly after landing in Delhi, in the hope that she could fly directly on board the Bangladesh Air Force plane, that brought her to Delhi, to London. Her sister Sheikh Rehana holds a U.K. passport under Bangladesh's dual citizenship laws and Ms. Rehana's daughter Tulip Siddiq is a Labour MP and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

However, those hopes were dimmed a few hours later when U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy issued a statement on the situation in Bangladesh which made no mention of Ms. Hasina or her request. In addition, he called for a "full and independent UN-led investigation into the events of the past few weeks".

In Europe, Ms. Hasina's next option would be to travel to Helsinki where Ms. Rehana's son Radwan Mujib Siddiq 'Bobby' lives. Ms. Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed 'Joy' lives in the U.S. state of Virginia, but Ms. Hasina's relationship with the Joe Biden administration has been tense.

Ms. Hasina's daughter, Saima Wazed, lives in New Delhi, as the regional director of the World Health Organisation. Even so, as New Delhi seeks to engage the new establishment in Dhaka and continue its strategic, trade and connectivity partnerships, the ousted PM's presence here would be difficult to explain, especially if the interim government or a new dispensation demands her extradition to stand charges in Bangladesh, leading to an awkward position for the government.

Govt. blinks on capital gains tax on real estate

This marks a sharp reversal from the government's firm stance on the issue after the changes in the Budget had evoked sharp critiques about the deleterious impact of the loss of indexation benefits on middle class homeowners, and the real estate sector at a broader level. Officials had argued that the new tax rate structure, with a lower tax rate minus the indexation benefits, will benefit people in almost all cases.

Industry bodies had sought a rethink on the proposal, observing that the removal of indexation benefits amounted to a retrospective tax change for those who had bought properties earlier. They had pointed out that this would especially hurt those who had made investments in assets that had delivered lesser appreciation in value over the years.

Several members of Parliament have also been urging the government to reconsider the proposal. On Tuesday, during the debate on the Finance Bill in the Lok Sabha, TDP MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu echoed other MPs' view and said there was a lot of talk on this issue outside the House.

The Finance Minister is expected to elucidate the changes when she responds to the debate on the Finance Bill in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Government issues travel advisory for visit to U.K.

Sriram Lakshman

The government has warned Indian citizens to exercise caution while travelling to the U.K., in response to riots across the country following the killing of three children in Southport on July 29.

"Visitors from India are advised to stay vigilant and exercise due caution while travelling in the U.K. It is advisable to follow local news and advisories issued by local security agencies, and to avoid areas where protests are under way," the High Commission of India in London said in an advisory on Tuesday.

SKM seeks Rahul's help for Assembly resolutions

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A delegation of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) met Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday in Parliament, and asked him to press for the passing of resolutions in Assemblies of non-BJP-ruled States supporting the demands of farmers, particularly the enactment of laws to guarantee a minimum support price (MSP) to all farmers.

There is pressure from poor Muslim groups to amend Wakf Act: Rijiju

Members of the AISSC who met the Minister welcomed the proposed amendments, terming them 'a long-awaited reform' to the legislation

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NEW DELHI

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>
> **KIREN RIJIJU**
> Minister for Minority Affairs

As the Union government prepares to amend the Wakf Act, 1995, Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that there has been a long-standing demand from "poor Muslim groups" to amend the legislation.

Mr. Rijiju said a decision to introduce a Bill to amend the Act in the ongoing session of Parliament was "still under consideration".

The Minister said, "There is pressure from poor Muslim women and groups to manage the Wakf properties in a transparent manner. Several groups have been demanding reforms to the Act. Consultation with various groups has been going on for many years."

Leading landowner

The government is yet to circulate a copy of the Bill among members in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Wakf refers to the properties dedicated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes under the Islamic law. Wakf Boards currently control 8.7 lakh properties spanning 9.4 lakh acres across India with an estimated value of 1.2 lakh crores. It makes them the third largest landowner in India after the armed forces and the Indian Railways. The Act was last amended in 2013.

Welcoming changes

The members of the All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council (AISSC), who met Mr. Rijiju on Monday, welcomed the proposed amendments, terming them "a long-awaited reform". "Our council and various organisations have constantly submitted memorandums over the past decades, seeking amendment to the current legislation as it lacks any provisions for safeguarding the interests of the Sufi traditions, and its customs," a communique from the AISSC said.

The president of the AISSC, Syed Naseruddin Chishty, said that "dargahs, as the main stakeholders of Wakf in India, had been discriminated against by the existing Act".

Mr. Chishty has been a regular at the government's Muslim outreach meetings in the past few years. In 2022, the Sufi leader organised an interfaith meeting in Delhi which was attended by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.

"The Minister told us that if the Bill is introduced in Parliament, and if we have any suggestions, they will be incorporated. It would be better if instead of opposing, people who are trying to create confusion cooperate with the government by giving good suggestions and by properly utilising the Wakf land, its income can be used for the upliftment of the Muslim society," he added.

Shehzad Poonawalla, national spokesperson of the BJP, was also present at the meeting.

Opposition attacks govt. over tax burden on common people

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mahua Moitra

The Opposition parties on Tuesday questioned the government in the Lok Sabha over the tax exemptions given to corporates and whether it had helped generate jobs. In response, members of the ruling BJP said India was a ray of hope for the world economically.

Congress MP from Punjab Amar Singh, who initiated the debate on the Finance Bill, 2024, said that from the Union Budget proposals, it appeared that the government intended to take away every single rupee from the salaried class, the common man, while the rich were being spared.

Trinamool Congress member Mahua Moitra said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had made a mockery of the people of India in the Budget by doing absolutely nothing.

"People wanted a course correction, but you have done the exact opposite. You have kept the same Cabinet, the same Finance Minister, who has given the same shoddy Budget," she said.

"For the first time in our country's history, the salaried class is sharing a greater tax burden than rich corporates. Not only are the middle class being taxed, but with this Budget, their savings have also been taxed with the removal of indexation and the rise in short-term capital gains," she said.

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar) MP Supriya Sule said, "When the UPA was in power, the corporate tax was higher and individual tax was less. So I would like the Finance Minister to justify why you are taxing the middle class and the poor of the country."

BJP MP from Jharkhand Nishikant dubey said the Budget was "historic". "Across the world, economies are growing at 2.5% to 2.7%. India is a ray of hope for the world," he said.

Referring to remarks made by BJP MP Anurag Thakur in the House against Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on his caste, Mr. Dubey said, "I do not completely agree with what Anurag Thakur said the other day. I would like to apologise on his behalf in this House."

"The allegation he made about caste is wrong... There is no caste. He (Gandhi) says, I am not what I appear... So he is a hermit."

Kharge to hold discussions with Cong.-ruled States on judgment on SC sub-categorisation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi held a meeting on the issue on Tuesday. FILE PHOTO

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and chairperson of the parliamentary party Sonia Gandhi were among the party's leaders who met on Tuesday to discuss the Supreme Court's judgment on sub-categorisation of the Scheduled Castes (SC).

The party's top lawyers, including Abhishek Singhvi and Vivek Tankha, were also part of the meeting.

Before formulating the party stance on the judgment, Mr. Kharge will consult the Chief Ministers of Congress-ruled States and State unit chiefs, the party's communication chief Jairam Ramesh said.

The issue of sub-classifying SCs could end up creating divisions within the party. Senior leaders like Kumari Selja and P.L. Punia are said to be against the judgment and in favour of a curative petition, while the Congress governments in Telangana and Karnataka have welcomed the top court's judgment.

Mr. Ramesh told pressmen that the judgment has reinforced the need to do a nationwide caste census and the need to remove the cap of 50% ceiling on reservation through a constitutional amendment.

"There were discussions on the Supreme Court order on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes sub-categorisation or what is referred to as quota within quota. The discussions went on for an hour-and-a-half and our party president will now meet our Chief Ministers, State unit chiefs and will take a position on the judgment," he said.

"Two things are clear: the nationwide caste census that Rahul Gandhi*ji* has been insisting on for the past six or seven months has now become essential, and secondly, the need to remove the 50% ceiling on reservation," Mr. Ramesh added.

On August 1, a seven-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, in a majority judgment, held that the States had the right to sub-classify SCs notified in the Presidential List, with the objective of providing less advanced communities within the grouping with preferential treatment in public employment and education.

No State will like to follow Bengal model on LWE: Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said while the Union government had no issues implementing models of States that had done well, "I assume that no State will like to implement the West Bengal model."

He was responding to Trinamool Congress leader Sougata Roy, who said in the Lok Sabha that the West Bengal government had been successful in controlling left-wing extremism (LWE) and asked whether the Centre would study the model and also try it in other States.

BJP remains silent over top court verdict on sub-categorisation of SCs

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The uncertainty over the political implications could be a reason for BJP's silence.

A week after the Supreme Court delivered a verdict allowing State governments to go ahead with sub-categorisation within the Scheduled Castes category, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has not released any nationally formulated statement or reaction, and maintains a studied silence.

The quality of the silence, BJP insiders say, reflects the fact that while some sections of the party are happy that State governments can now sub-categorise, others are wary of the suggestion that a "creamy layer", as is present in the reservations for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), be applied to the Scheduled Castes category.

Party spokesperson and former Chairperson of the National Commission for SCs and STs (when it was a joint commission), Bizay Sonkar Shastri, said that he welcomed the Supreme Court's verdict. "When I was Chairperson of the Commission for SCs and STs, a study we conducted found that there were 1,208 castes within the larger SC category, and over 10,000 sub-castes. Any well-wisher of SCs will be happy with the Supreme Court verdict and so will the BJP, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policy of '*Sab ka saath, sab ka vikaas*'," Mr. Shastri said.

On the other hand, Arun Kumar Sagar, BJP MP for Shahjahanpur, himself a member of the Jatav community, expressed reservations over the application of the "creamy layer" concept to the SC quota. "The stigma of untouchability still prevails, however high a person from the Dalit community progresses. What does the economic criteria do for that? Will application of creamy layer do away with it?" he told *The Hindu*.

While there is no common view taken within the BJP and differing opinions are being aired lower down the hierarchy, political scientist Badri Narayan attributed part of the reason why the BJP, nationally, was holding its peace on the Supreme Court verdict to the uncertain political consequences following the verdict.

"While the Supreme Court verdict looks at the Scheduled Castes category as a whole as now divided between dominant and non-dominant communities, with a differential spread of benefits of reservation, politically, the non-dominant communities continue to be politically unaware, and may not act as a consistent bloc politically. There is a feeling that sub-categorisation will lead to polarisation between these two – dominant and non-dominant sections – and the political direction is uncharted," Professor Narayan said.

Vadra did not attend Ambani wedding: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday strongly denied BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's claim that Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had attended Anant Ambani's wedding, asserting that Ms. Vadra had, in fact, been out of the country at the time.

Mr. Dubey, participating in the debate on the Finance Bill in the Lok Sabha, had alleged that though the Congress leadership always targeted "AA" business groups – a reference to business tycoons Gautam Adani and Mukesh Ambani – its general secretary had attended Mr. Ambani's son's wedding.

Hitting back, Congress MP K.C. Venugopal accused the BJP MP of speaking untruth on the floor of the House.

APPEAL

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India is in touch with authorities in Dhaka: Jaishankar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The situation in Bangladesh is still evolving and India is in touch with the authorities in Dhaka, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said in both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. In a *suo motu* statement, Mr. Jaishankar said Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had arrived in Delhi on Monday evening after a request at very short notice.

The Minister said the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh was in touch with the Indian citizens there.

Mr. Jaishankar said that on Monday, demonstrators had converged in Dhaka despite the curfew. "Our understanding is that after a meeting with the leaders of the security establishment, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina apparently made the decision to resign. At very short notice, she requested approval to come for the moment to India. We simultaneously received a request for flight clearance from Bangladesh authorities. She arrived yesterday evening in Delhi," he said.

"The Army chief, General Waker-uz-Zaman, addressed the nation on August 5. He spoke about assuming responsibility and constituting an interim government," the Minister said. Maintaining that the Centre is in close touch with the Indian community in Bangladesh through the diplomatic missions, he said there were an estimated 19,000 Indian nationals in the neighbouring country, of which about 9,000 were students. "The bulk of the students returned to India in the month of July on the advice of the High Commission. In terms of our diplomatic presence, in addition to the High Commission in Dhaka, we have Assistant High Commissions in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet. It is our expectation that the host government will provide protection for these establishments. We look forward to their normal functioning once the situation stabilises," he said.

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> **S. JAISHANKAR**
> External Affairs Minister

On the question of the situation of minorities, he said there were reports of initiatives by various groups and organisations to ensure their protection and well-being. "We welcome that, but will naturally remain deeply concerned till law and order is visibly restored. Our border guarding forces have also been instructed to be exceptionally alert in view of this complex situation," he told Parliament.

Opposition offers full backing to govt. in facing Bangladesh challenge

At all-party meeting in Parliament, External Affairs Minister says the government will give Hasina 'space and time' to plan her next step; Rahul expresses concern over the volatile neighbourhood

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Keeping in loop: Union Minister S. Jaishankar during the all-party meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday. Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, J.P. Nadda and Kiren Rijiju are present. ANI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday did not rule out the role of "external forces" in the events leading to the ouster of Sheikh Hasina as Bangladesh Prime Minister, and said the Indian government would give her time to decide the future course of action. He was briefing an all-party meeting in Parliament, a day after Ms. Hasina landed at the Hindon airbase, just hours after her resignation.

The entire Opposition offered its unanimous support to the government. During the half-hour meeting, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, according to sources, asked if "external forces" had a role in fomenting trouble in Bangladesh. Replying to Mr. Gandhi's question, the Minister said that the government could not, at present, make any authoritative comment. But, Dr. Jaishankar said, a high-ranking Pakistani diplomat had recently changed his social media profile picture to support the agitation.

When a few Opposition leaders asked about the future of the deposed Bangladesh Prime Minister, Dr. Jaishankar responded that the government would give her "time and space" to decide on her next step, sources said.

'Form a strategy'

Mr. Gandhi and the other Opposition leaders also expressed concern over the volatile neighbourhood that India finds itself in, with Ms. Hasina being the last of the friendly leaders to be removed. Mr. Gandhi also advised the government to formulate a medium and long-term strategy to deal with the neighbourhood.

"We were briefed about the situation in Bangladesh, and what the impact will be on India," Lok Sabha member and Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal told *The Hindu*.

The Trinamool Congress, which was represented by the party's Lok Sabha leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay, urged the Centre to keep the West Bengal government in the loop about the developments. "We will walk hand-in-hand with the Government of India on this issue. Our only request is that the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee, should be informed about the steps that the Centre is taking. My suggestion was well accepted," Mr. Bandyopadhyay said.

Rashtriya Janata Dal member Misa Bharati expressed concern over the safety of Indian citizens and minorities in Bangladesh. "We are with the government in this time of crisis. Our primary concern at this moment is for the safety of Indian citizens, especially students in Bangladesh. We are also concerned about the safety of minorities there," Ms. Bharati said.

After the meeting, at least one Opposition leader pointed out the absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, drawing a parallel with a similar meeting held in March 1971, when the then West Pakistan launched "Operation Searchlight" against the then East Pakistan, where then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi herself fielded all questions from the Opposition. The gathering then included the Jan Sangh leader and later BJP Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

INBRIEF

What has Centre done for stability in South Asia: Tewari

Noting that many countries in India's neighbourhood have been hit by political instability in the past three or four years, Congress Lok Sabha member Manish Tewari (in photo) on Tuesday asked the Narendra Modi government to specify what steps it has taken to maintain political stability in the region. Raising the turmoil in Bangladesh during the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Tewari said India had had a "special relationship" with the nation. "The situation prevailing in Bangladesh is very sensitive and concerning," he said. "India is the most prominent country in South Asia. If there is instability in South Asia, it directly impacts India in a big way. I want to know from the government... what are the steps the government has taken in the last few years to maintain political stability in South Asia?" he said.

Northeastern States step up vigil along Bangladesh border

Four northeastern States bordering Bangladesh have stepped up vigilance along the border with Bangladesh to check the possible unauthorised entry of people fleeing the political turmoil there. While Meghalaya has clamped night curfew along its 443-km border with Bangladesh, Assam, Mizoram, and Tripura have asked the Border Security Force, the Assam Rifles, the local police and other security agencies to keep a sharper eye on cross-border movements. Bangladesh and India share a 4,096-km-long border, including 2,217 km in West Bengal. "I am in regular contact with the Centre, and I have asked the security agencies to be on alert. We are implementing measures along the border according to the directives from the Centre," Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha said on Tuesday. He said the security agencies had been asked to work in coordination with the State government to prevent any unauthorised entry of people from Bangladesh into the State.

Military-to-military cooperation in question as political crisis continues in Bangladesh

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina continues to remain at the Hindon Air Force Station near Delhi, where she landed after fleeing her country on Monday. The C130J aircraft that brought her to India has flown out of the base.

While uncertainty prevails in the neighbouring country, there are also apprehensions over the future of the strong military-to-military cooperation that had significantly deepened over the years, especially under Ms. Hasina's government, as India looked to counter Chinese influence in the neighbourhood, including by supplying military hardware to Dhaka.

Business as usual: People wait to get inside the Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad, where Sheikh Hasina landed on Monday. REUTERS

The military-to-military channels remain important lines of communication during the ongoing crisis, in addition to the diplomatic channels, as the Bangladesh Army is in charge to oversee the transition to an interim government.

Sources said Ms. Hasina continues to be in the 'safe house' since she arrived at Hindon and is expected to stay for another day or two till her next destination is finalised.

India and Bangladesh have broad-based their defence and strategic cooperation, involving regular visits, training activities, bilateral and multilateral exercises, and more importantly, supply of military hardware by India. India has also extended a $500-million defence Line of Credit to Bangladesh to procure military hardware.

Defence industrial cooperation has emerged a major area of cooperation.. As reported by *The Hindu*, Dhaka had shared a long wishlist with India of a range of hardware and New Delhi had responded positively for several of them.

"There is a real question mark on the defence industrial cooperation with the way situation has unfolded there and the strong anti-India sentiment that is spreading. That depends on the new dispensation that will come in and their view of the relationship with India," a senior official said on condition of anonymity. "Both China and Pakistan will attempt to take advantage of the situation to move Bangladesh away from India."

Trade with Bangladesh remains suspended; BSF on 'high alert' on border

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Amidst ongoing unrest in Bangladesh, trade between India and Bangladesh remain suspended.

Daljit Singh Chaudhury, Director-General, Border Security Force, and senior officials visited the integrated checkpoint at Petrapole and the border outpost Ranaghat of the 68th Battalion in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district.

The primary objective is to assess the tactical and operational preparedness and deployment strategies of BSF at these key locations," a press statement by the BSF said. The border guarding forces have announced a "high alert" along the border.

BSF officials discussed operational strategies to deal with illegal infiltration and smuggling, and held coordination meetings with West Bengal government officials and people of the border villages.

Of India's 4,096 km-long border with Bangladesh, 2,216 km lies along West Bengal, which is guarded by three frontiers of the BSF. Trade, not only at Petrapole but at land custom stations in Ghojadanga, Mahadipur, and Fulbari in West Bengal, has been affected. There has been some passenger movement, particularly along the ICP, which includes both people returning to India and crossing over to Bangladesh.

Some of the passengers narrated their ordeal of how the situation had spiralled out of control in the past few days. Ujjal Saha, secretary of the West Bengal Exporters Coordination Committee, said trade through land ports had been hit because of non-clearance of goods. Hundreds of trucks were stationed on parking lots. Trade along these ports has been irregular since the protests began. Arun Kumar Garodia, chairperson of the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India, said that the developments were a significant concern for Indian engineering exporters.

"As one of the top destinations for Indian engineering products and our largest trading partner in South Asia, stability in Bangladesh is crucial for maintaining and expanding trade relations," he said.

Close watch: BSF personnel standing guard as a truck returns from Bangladesh, at Hili checkpost in Dakshin Dinajpur district. PTI

Turmoil further delays Agartala-Akhaura link

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

The turmoil in Bangladesh has left inter-country rail connectivity along the crucial Agartala-Akhaura link, which connects Tripura to Kolkata cutting across the heart of Bangladesh, in the lurch.

Talks for the long-pending link were revived earlier this year, after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina virtually inaugurated the project. Indian Railways officials said that of the 12.24-km dual-gauge line, 5.46 km from Agartala to Nischintapur, which leads to the Bangladesh border entering into Akhaura, had been completed.

"Another 6.78 km lies on the Bangladeshi side, and Bangladesh railway officials are responsible for carrying out work on their side. With the turmoil, the connectivity project will get delayed. ...for us, right now, when the rail connectivity between two countries gets established is a wait and watch situation," officials said.

Ensure safety of Hindus in riot-torn country: VHP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Tuesday urged the Union government to take every possible step for the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh.

The organisation also claimed that it was getting many "distress calls", and requested the government not to turn a blind eye towards the atrocities being faced by the Hindus there.

Terming the situation "sensitive", the VHP said it was the responsibility of the world community to take effective action for the safety of minorities and protection of human rights in Bangladesh.

Violence has erupted in 34 districts of Bangladesh, says BJP MP from Bengal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Jagannath Sarkar on Tuesday said the government should ensure the safety of the Hindu community in Bangladesh, who are being persecuted after the fall of Sheikh Hasina government, as done by the Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1970-71.

Speaking with *The Hindu*, Mr. Sarkar said he had been receiving information about the houses and temples of the Hindu community being targeted by mobsters in Bangladesh. "ISKCON Temple and a Kali Bari has been vandalised, lives of Hindus and their properties are not safe, women are being molested...there is no sign of abatement," he said.

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> **JAGANNATH SARKAR**
> BJP MP

"This time, it all started as a students' movement but has become an anti-India campaign. Although there is now a military rule ostensibly, but Jamaat-e-Islami [Bangladesh] is running the show from behind the scene and is causing all the destruction," said Mr. Sarkar.

Stating that incidents of violence were taking place in 34 districts of Bangladesh, including Noakhali, Mr. Sarkar said he had received several calls desperately seeking help.

When asked if he would urge the government to give shelter to the Hindus who cross over to India, he said the Narendra Modi government had already made a provision for extending citizenship to the persecuted members of minority communities under the Citizenship Amendment Act.

As violence continued in Bangladesh, a Border Security Force (BSF) official said no mass movement of people from across the border had been reported yet.

India and Bangladesh share 4,096-km border along the States of West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura.

A high alert has been sounded along the Bangladesh border and the BSF has "has received strict instruction from the government to not allow anyone into the country without valid documents."

INBRIEF

Supplementary chargesheet filed against Lalu, Tejashwi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday filed a supplementary chargesheet against Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad and his son Tejashwi Yadav in the alleged land-for-jobs scam. The case pertains to Group D appointments made in the West Central Zone of the Railways in Jabalpur, allegedly in return for land parcels, during Mr. Lalu's tenure as Railway Minister in the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government from 2004 to 2009. The chargesheet, filed before special judge Vishal Gogne of the Rouse Avenue Court, names 10 accused and includes 96 documents. The next hearing in this case is on August 13. The ED has alleged that no advertisement or any public notice was issued for the appointments yet the appointees, residents of Patna, were hired for posts in various Zonal Railways located in Mumbai, Jabalpur, Kolkata, Jaipur, and Hajipur.

Ex-Deputy Prime Minister Advani admitted to hospital

Former Deputy Prime Minister and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Lal Krishna Advani was on Tuesday admitted to Delhi's Apollo Hospital. The 96-year-old is stable and under observation, according to sources. On July 3, the BJP leader was admitted to Apollo Hospital. He was discharged a day later after a brief stay. A week earlier, Mr. Advani was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) for old age-related issues and was discharged in a day.

SC reserves verdict on bail petitions by Sisodia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) when the trial proceedings against former Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia would "realistically" see the "end of the tunnel".

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan made the query while reserving Mr. Sisodia's plea for bail in the excise policy case for judgment on Tuesday.

The Aam Aadmi Party leader has been under incarceration for nearly 17 months now. "There are 493 witnesses in the trial. Even if you give up 50% of the witnesses, when will you finish? Realistically, when do you see the end of the tunnel?" Justice Viswanathan asked the ED, represented by Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju.

Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, appearing for Mr. Sisodia, said the Central agencies, the Central Bureau of Investigation and the ED, were deliberately taking turns to delay the bail hearing.

Mr. Raju said the delay came from the accused, who had sought one document after the other in court.

INDIA bloc protests against 18% GST on life, health insurance

Opposition calls it a step towards 'tax terrorism', holds placards criticising the BJP government for imposing extra burden on the middle class

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Demanding the rollback of the 18% Goods and Services Tax (GST) imposed on life and health insurance premiums, the INDIA bloc parties held protests on the steps leading to the Makar Dwar of Parliament on Tuesday.

Carrying placards in seven languages, the parties criticised the government for imposing an extra burden on the middle class, and called it a step towards "tax terrorism".

Later in a post on X, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi said, "The Modi government even collected ₹24,000 crore from millions of common Indians who pay health insurance premiums every year by saving every penny to ensure that they do not have to bow down to anyone in case of a 'health crisis' in life."

"Looking for a 'tax opportunity' in every disaster is proof of the insensitive thinking of the BJP government. INDIA alliance opposes this opportunistic thinking. Health and life insurance must be made GST-free," Mr. Gandhi said.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, NCP chief Sharad Pawar and other Opposition MPs protest on the steps of Parliament on Tuesday. PTI

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said the protest by the INDIA bloc parties was absolutely justified. "You can't impose GST on something as essential as health insurance. India is already the country whose citizens pay the highest out-of-pocket expenses for health crises in the world," he said.

The issue has resonated within both Houses of Parliament in the past few days.

On Monday, the Trinamool Congress's Rajya Sabha leader, Derek O' Brien, had raised the issue in the House during Zero Hour.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently wrote to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the issue.

The Opposition parties stepped up their protests especially after Union Minister Nitin Gadkari also wrote to the Finance Minister.

Hours after the protest, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla cautioned the members to desist from holding protests on the steps leading to Parliament.

133 Manipur villagers displaced by ethnic conflict return home

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In joint efforts led by the district administration of Manipur's Jiribam, along with the security forces posted in the area, 133 Meitei villagers returned to their homes in Mongbung village, where last month a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) constable was killed in a gunfight, officials said on Tuesday night.

Jiribam district had in June become the latest site of the State's continuing ethnic conflict between the valley-based Meitei community and the hills-based Scheduled Tribe Kuki-Zo-Hmar group of communities.

Superintendent of Police, Jiribam, M. Pradip Singh told *The Hindu*, "After continuous joint efforts by the district administration, Jiribam Police, Assam Rifles, and the CRPF, the authorities in Jiribam have now facilitated the homecoming of these Meitei villagers."

These villagers were first evacuated from the Mongbung area on June 6, when violence broke out following the murder of a Meitei man.

They were being housed at the relief camp set up at the Chingdong Leikai Primary School.

'Speed up job-linked incentive scheme'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, on Tuesday, chaired a meeting to expedite the implementation of the Employment-Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme announced in the Budget. He directed the officials to work in a mission mode so that the scheme can bolster employment generation.

Mr. Mandaviya asked officials to create a robust mechanism to ensure that benefits of the Scheme reach the true beneficiaries. The ELI scheme aims to create over two crore jobs in the country in a period of two years.

Dumping of plastic waste in rivers: SC raises concern

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has raised the alarm on the indiscriminate dumping of plastic waste in rivers and water bodies, calling for a "concerted effort" to stop water pollution before the damage reaches a point beyond repair.

"The dumping of plastic is causing serious environment degradation and also impacting aquatic life in the river banks and the water bodies in the country," a Bench headed by Justice Hrishikesh Roy recorded in an August 2 order published on Tuesday.

The court said the public and authorities have to join hands or the "desired improvement of the quality of the water in rivers and water bodies in the country will remain illusory".

Judicious use of sucralose as sugar substitute helps diabetics: study

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

A recent study from India examining the effects of replacing sucrose or table sugar with an artificial sweetener, sucralose, in coffee and tea, found no adverse impact on glucose or HbA1c levels, and in fact indicated a slight improvement in body weight, waist circumference and body mass index (BMI).

The article, "Effect of replacing sucrose in beverages with non-nutritive sweetener sucralose on cardiometabolic risk factors among Asian Indian adults with Type 2 Diabetes: a 12-week randomized controlled trial", was published in *Diabetes Therapy* late July. Notably, the study comes shortly after the WHO cautioned non-diabetics against using non-nutritive sweeteners (NNS) to control body weight.

Non-nutritive sweeteners can help cut down calories and sugar intake and increase dietary compliance , says a study. ISTOCKPHOTO

Senior diabetologist Dr. V. Mohan, chairman of the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, who led the study, said: "We started this study even before the WHO's report on sugar substitutes. We wanted to assess if there are any changes, because in India, sweeteners are used only sparingly instead of sugar, in tea and coffee, compared with the West. The study shows that there is no harm in taking sweeteners. In fact, there was a marginal improvement in body weight, BMI and waist circumference with no impact on glucose or HbA1c levels. This is a very important point to bring out to the public, since there is so much of negative publicity against sweeteners, which I feel is totally unfounded."

This 12-week, parallel-arm randomised controlled trial included 210 participants with T2D, assigned to the intervention group, where sugar/sucrose in coffee or tea was substituted with sucralose, or the control group, where sugar/sucrose was continued. The primary outcome was change in HbA1c. At the end of the study, researchers found no significant change in HbA1c levels between the intervention and control groups. However, favourable changes were noted in the BMI, waist circumference and mean body weight, the paper said.

Dr. Mohan said the judicious use of NNS can help in cutting down calories, sugar intake and increase dietary compliance. More studies are underway on the safety and efficacy of sucralose, he said.

Ministry refuses to share staff shortage details in armed forces; cites national security

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Citing "national security", the Defence Ministry has refused to divulge details of the shortage of personnel in the armed forces, which in the past was regularly given out in written responses to questions in Parliament.

"The information sought is a sensitive operational matter concerning national security and it would not be in the national security interest to divulge related details in the public domain," Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha on August 5.

This was in response to a question from Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi, MP, who asked whether the government has taken note of the fact that there is "shortage of staff, including officers, soldiers, medical officers etc., in the armed forces," if so, the details thereof; and whether the government "has taken any comprehensive measures/steps to fill the vacancies" that are existing.

Sanjay Seth

Till recently, it has been a regular practice to give information to such questions. For instance, in response to a question from MP Javed Ali Khan in the Rajya Sabha on March 13, 2023, then Minister of State in the Defence Ministry Ajay Bhatt said in a written reply that vacancies in the Army as on March 10, 2023 was officers: 8,070 and Junior Commissioned Officers (JCO) and Other Ranks (OR): 1,27,673. He further stated that from January 1, 2023 to March 10, 2023, the vacancies filled up for officers were 613 and for JCO/ORs it was 19,065.

On June 14, 2022, the government announced the Agnipath scheme for recruitment of soldiers into the armed forces for four years, doing away with the earlier process.

The overall intake has been capped at 1.75 lakh till 2026.

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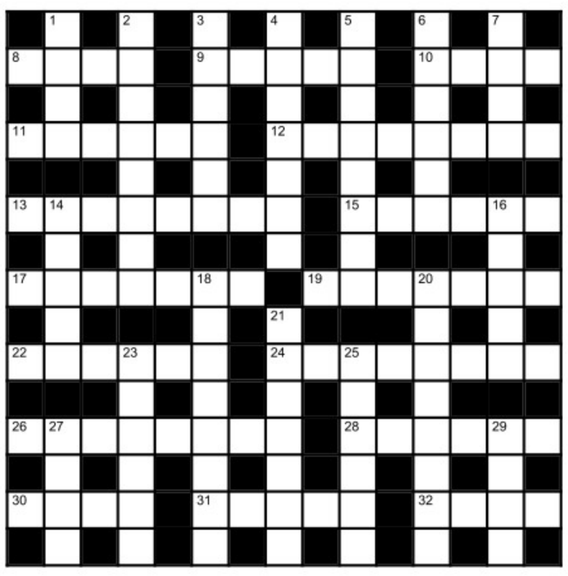

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8 Alien captures team? Way to go! (4)
9 Bigger embrace by queen (5)
10 Breaking law with small tools (4)
11 Stellar part of last rally (6)
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13 I.e., with addition of sulphur, fossil crumbles without luminance and turns into bony material (8)
15 Zip around French friend and relatives (6)
17 American president takes wedding oath in Samurai code (7)
19 Clergymen going around circles (7)
22 Turn, say, hen into animals (6)
24 Experts hold sand awkwardly (3,5)
26 Virginia and Georgia have affinity for tramp (8)
28 Catch parent going astray (6)
30 Fuel company gets aluminium (4)
31 Clear 6 after 6 before five hundred (5)
32 Tidy animal (4)

Down

1 Line for folding A6 backwards? (4)
2 Stellar denizen of the sea (8)
3 Kind of pepper from mount in outskirts of Chennai (6)
4 Once more, saint is not favourable (7)
5 Greek champ starts to feel uniquely lithe and elegant (8)
6 Cleaner? It's nothing, really! (6)
7 Hear insect and run away (4)
14 Possibly dusty den (5)
16 Very clear! I hear "Lucy... with diamonds" (5)
18 Daughter is beginning to sense love going wrong... Terminate... (8)
20 Giving a response on thespian's performance (8)
21 After 2/5th of month, wrinkled old valet not permitted in European country (7)
23 New year arrangement covers a bit of liquor... almost... (6)
25 Fears doctor with extraordinarily acute diagnostic skills, for starters (6)
27 Small part of tomato masala (4)
29 Leaving saloon, Barbara dances for Middle Easterner (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Significance of Teej

Celebrated by those hailing from Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, parts of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra, Teej, which falls today (August 7), is a significant festival of the rainy season, especially for married women, who pray for the wellbeing of their husbands and also for single women who aspire for a soulmate. The festival involves the observance of a day-long fast, which is broken the next day before sunrise, said Prof. Kumool Abbi.

The idol of goddess Parvati is installed and women gather around, reciting the stories around religious vows (*vrat katha*), the Teej is chanted.

The Teej festival has three main components. Haryali Teej is celebrated to commemorate the wedding of Lord Siva and Parvati. It is usually celebrated on the third day of the Shukla Paksha in the month of Shravan. Kajri Teej, which falls on August 22, usually takes place 15 days after Haryali Teej on the third day of Krishna Paksha (dark fortnight). Hartalika Teej, which will fall in Bhadon month (on September 6), is observed to mark the day when female friends of Parvati abducted her and brought her into the thick, deep forests, to escape her father who was determined to marry her to another Lord. An unfazed Parvati continued her penance and won over Lord Siva.

INBRIEF

Govt. said to be firm on stand on GST demand on Infosys

The Indian government is not considering any relaxation in the tax demand it sent to Infosys last month, according to a government source. The tax demand is in accordance with the goods and services tax (GST) rules and the country's second-largest IT services firm has sought 10 days to submit its response after meeting tax officials, the source said. The source declined to be named as they were not authorised to speak to the media. REUTERS

Tamilnadu Petroproducts Q1 standalone net remains flat

Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd. reported its standalone net profit for the June quarter remained flat at ₹13 crore on an increase in crude oil price. Revenue from operations contracted by ₹11 crore to ₹461 crore, even as cost of materials rose by ₹4 crore to ₹279 crore. "Our first quarter was challenging primarily due to increased raw material costs and absorbing the cost hike to maintain long-term customer relationships," said Vice Chairman Ashwin Muthiah.

Shriram General Insurance Q1 net profit rises 17% to ₹114 cr.

Shriram General Insurance Co. Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 17% from the year-earlier period to ₹114 crore. Gross written premium increased 31% to ₹733 crore, against the industry growth of 13%. Motor business grew by 34% and non-motor rose 10%. Assets under management rose 8.74% to ₹12,268 crore. The company wrote 12,82,017 policies and settled 48,290 claims. The solvency ratio stood at 3.87, MD & CEO Anil Aggarwal said.

'Food costs hit 11-month peak in July on pricier vegetables'

While tomato prices were 40% lower last month than July 2023, onion prices were 65% higher and potatoes 55% more expensive on lower crop arrivals, as per Crisil monthly cost tracker

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Food for thought

Average cost of a vegetarian meal rose 11% MoM to ₹32.6 while a non-veg. plate climbed 6% to ₹61.4, its highest since Sept.

- Lower rabi output impacted onion prices while a blight infestation hit the potato crop
- Tomato crop was affected on account of whitefly infestation, high temperatures
- CPI food inflation had surged to a six-month high of 9.4% in June

Food costs shot up to an 11-month high for non-vegetarians as well as vegetarians in July, fuelled by a sharp 55% month-on-month surge in prices of tomato and an increase of 20% and 16% in onion potato prices, respectively, as per Crisil's monthly cost tracker for home-cooked meals.

The average cost of a vegetarian meal rose 11% from June to July to touch ₹32.6, as per Crisil's estimates, while a non-vegetarian plate cost increased 6% to ₹61.4. However, thanks to the high base from last July when tomato prices hit ₹110 a kg, the price of a vegetarian meal slid 9% and that of a non-veg meal 4% year-on-year.

Tomato prices were about ₹66 per kg in July compared with ₹42 in June. While tomato prices were thus 40% lower last month than July 2023, onion prices were 65% higher and potatoes 55% more expensive on lower crop arrivals.

"While lower rabi production impacted onion prices, late blight infestation in Punjab, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh affected the potato output," Crisil Market Intelligence and Analytics said. Food inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, had surged to a six-month high of 9.4% in June, from 8.7% in the previous two months.

CBI books Hindalco, a former MoEF director on graft charges

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Graft charges relate to environmental clearance to HIL's Talabira-I open cast mine in Jharsuguda

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has booked Hindalco Industries Limited (HIL) and the then director of the Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF) on graft charges related to the processing and grant of environmental clearance to the company's Talabira-I open cast coal mine in Jharsuguda (Odisha) during 2011-13.

The public servant has been identified as T. Chandini, who was also Member Secretary of the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) concerned, according to the First Information Report (FIR).

"This is an old matter pertaining to 2014-15," said a Hindalco spokesperson, adding, "These mines were de-allocated as part of the government's de-allocation process. This is a matter of public record where more than 100 mines were de-allocated."

The CBI says in its FIR that the case is an offshoot of a preliminary probe initiated by the agency in February against unknown officials of Aditya Birla Management Corp. Pvt. Ltd. (ABMCPL), unknown MoEF officials and others, regarding alleged payments of bribe amounts in 2011-2013 for grant of clearance to its projects.

The projects requiring prior clearance used to be examined by the EACs and based on their recommendations, the regulatory authority would communicate its decision to the applicants concerned.

IATA slams GST notices to 10 foreign airlines

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The International Air Transport Association has expressed "disappointment" over the show-cause notices issued to 10 international airlines over GST dues of ₹10,000 crore. IATA warned the move could "dampen and risk India's strong aviation potential". Xie Xingquan, IATA's Regional V-P for North Asia and Asia Pacific, said the tax authority did not take into consideration the nature and conventions involved in the provision of international air transport.

'Will upgrade India rating if overall deficit drops under 7% of GDP'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's sovereign credit rating could be upgraded if the fiscal deficit narrows "meaningfully" to bring the country's overall general government deficit to under 7% of GDP, a top official at S&P Global Ratings said on Tuesday.

S&P Global had raised its rating outlook for India to 'positive' earlier this year, on a view that continued policy stability, deepening economic reforms, and high infrastructure investments would sustain the growth prospects.

"We see a lot of promise in India's economic growth story," said Andrew Wood, director, sovereigns and international public finance for Asia-Pacific at the rating major. "Looking ahead, we could raise the ratings if India's fiscal deficits narrow meaningfully, such that the net general government deficit falls below 7% of GDP on a structural basis," he added.

Terming the central government's lower fiscal deficit target of 4.9% of GDP for 2024-25 as "good news at the margin", Mr. Wood noted that the general government deficit, which includes State governments' deficits, is likely to remain above 7% of GDP "at least" for the current year. "The trajectory for this metric over the next few years will remain an important one for the directionality of India's ratings," he underlined.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	78,593	-0.21
US Dollar	83.92	0.20
Gold	71,700	-1.51
Brent oil	76.72	0.39

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3072.70	34.50
Adani Ports	1494.10	0.25
Apollo Hosp	6657.70	-29.90
Asian Paints	3101.75	8.35
Axis Bank	1126.10	-7.40
Bajaj Auto	9427.40	-57.65
Bajaj Finserv	1564.10	-3.60
Bajaj Finance	6538.35	-58.35
Bharti Airtel	1443.55	-22.15
BPCL	334.70	-7.00
Britannia Ind	5854.50	156.60
Cipla	1531.90	16.85
Coal India	499.60	-7.20
Divis Lab	4827.55	0.60
Dr Reddys Lab	6807.40	-4.65
Eicher Motors	4653.90	-21.85
Grasim Ind	2620.50	8.25
HCL Tech	1582.75	20.35
HDFC Bank	1601.20	-14.55
HDFC Life	679.60	-31.30
Hero MotoCorp	5173.80	-10.10
Hindalco	610.30	-4.00
Hind Unilever	2750.05	34.15
ICICI Bank	1166.85	-5.75
IndusInd Bank	1381.00	-8.45
Infosys	1751.10	-0.80
ITC	486.30	0.30
JSW Steel	884.00	20.20
Kotak Bank	1770.55	-3.10
L&T	3576.20	48.20
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5460.75	70.65
M&M	2632.95	-46.00
Maruti Suzuki	12131.10	-69.75
NestleIndia	2508.50	-2.40
NTPC	415.00	1.75
ONGC	306.10	-4.15
PowerGrid Corp	340.75	-2.05
Reliance Ind	2912.10	17.45
SBI Life	1674.50	-47.70
State Bank	797.70	-13.95
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2836.80	-54.65
Sun Pharma	1707.55	-12.80
TataConsumerProduct	1185.60	-13.80
Tata Motors	1013.75	-2.70
Tata Steel	150.32	0.50
TCS	4171.20	16.15
Tech Mahindra	1483.40	27.05
Titan	3335.10	-40.85
UltraTech Cement	11325.30	-91.95
Wipro	489.50	4.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 06

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.75	84.07
Euro	91.35	91.70
British Pound	106.30	106.71
Japanese Yen (100)	57.73	57.96
Chinese Yuan	11.71	11.76
Swiss Franc	97.99	98.37
Singapore Dollar	63.09	63.34
Canadian Dollar	60.50	60.75
Malaysian Ringitt	18.71	18.80
Australian Dollar	54.26	54.47

Source:Indian Bank

TVS Motor Q1 net rises 23% to ₹577 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Ralf Dieter Speth

TVS Motor Company Ltd. (TVSM) reported standalone net profit for the June quarter increased 23% from the year-earlier period to ₹577 crore.

Revenue from operations climbed 16% to ₹8,376 crore. TVSM sold 10.87 lakh vehicles, of which motorcycles constituted 5.14 lakh, scooters 4.18 lakh and mopeds 1.23 lakh. Scooters included sale of 51,936 EVs (38,642), the firm said.

"TVSM is gearing up for exciting times ahead, as we transition to a high-tech, global, and smart mobility company," Chairman Ralf Dieter Speth said.

Addressing the AGM, he said TVSM was strategically expanding international presence by strengthening its distribution network across the world backed by a strong product pipeline and focus on consumers.

On U.K.-based Norton Motorcycle Co., he said: "Norton will be launching six new models, premium products, in the next three years. The new facility in U.K. is ramping up."

Gland Pharma Q1 net profit declines 26% to ₹144 crore

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Gland Pharma reported consolidated net profit declined 26% to ₹143.7 crore for the quarter ended June from ₹194.1 crore in the year-earlier period.

Revenue from operations of the generic injectable-focused firm rose nearly 16% to ₹1,401.7 crore (₹1,208.6 crore).

The growth in revenue aligns with "our projections and is primarily driven by the U.S. market, which saw a 27% revenue increase led by existing and certain new products," Executive Chairman and CEO Srinivas Sadu said in a release.

'Bangladesh crisis: Garment orders may shift to India in short term'

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

The crisis in Bangladesh is expected to impact the Indian textile and apparel sector in the short term.

Siddhartha Rajagopal, the Executive Director of Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, said $1.7-billion worth of cotton, cotton yarn and fabrics were exported by India to Bangladesh last fiscal, which is 17% of India's cotton textile exports.

Bangladesh exported cotton garments worth $1-billion in FY23. There were reports of trucks stranded on either side of the border with textile and garment goods. "Normalcy should return to see how the business will evolve. There are nearly 30 Indian textile companies having facilities in Bangladesh," he said.

According to the Apparel Export Promotion Council, it is quite likely that garment orders may shift to India in the short term and the Indian apparel industry may be asked to fill the gap caused by the disruption.

Prabhu Dhamodharan, convenor of Indian Texpreneurs Federation, said Bangladesh exports $3.8 billion worth of garments a month as against $ 1.3 billion by India.

It is said that the factories in Bangladesh had been asked to reopen next week. While Indian garment units may gain in the short term, normalcy should return to Bangladesh as it is one of the largest buyers of Indian yarn and fabrics. "While we are concerned about the impact on the supply chain and the potential delays and disruptions it might cause, we are hopeful that the situation will improve soon," the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry said in a press statement.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.06.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024	30.06.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income	8,411.88	7,275.47	31,924.90	10,447.63	9,142.05	39,250.56
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	782.91	610.36	2,780.66	738.53	626.53	2,702.92
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	782.91	610.36	2,780.66	738.53	626.53	2,702.92
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	577.32	467.67	2,083.00	484.82	441.47	1,778.54
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	561.80	440.50	2,063.26	455.12	393.67	1,725.07
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	7,683.53	-	-	6,736.00
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
9	Networth	8,283.33	6,478.76	7,725.95	7,180.46	5,631.98	6,751.08
10	Outstanding Debt	864.46	2,275.32	1,027.61	22,736.70	21,086.89	22,930.82
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times)	0.1	0.4	0.1	3.2	3.7	3.4
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	 12.15 12.15	 9.84 9.84	 43.84 43.84	 9.70 9.70	 9.14 9.14	 35.50 35.50
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	6.5	1.2	2.5	7.7	0.9	1.5
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	28.5	16.8	21.6	13.5	9.2	10.5
18	Current Ratio (Times)	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	2.4	2.9	2.4
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.6
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	25.4	28.1	27.9	28.2	26.3	25.3
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	16.9	15.5	18.0	12.2	10.7	11.7
25	Operating Margin (%)	11.5	10.6	11.1	9.8	9.3	9.9
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	6.9	6.5	6.6	4.7	4.9	4.5

Notes:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).
2. Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 06.08.2024

For TVS Motor Company Limited
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Prof. Sir Ralf Dieter Speth
Chairman

GAZA STRIP

Hamas names Gaza chief Yahya Sinwar group's new political leader

AFP

Hamas named Gaza Strip chief Yahya Sinwar as its new political leader on Tuesday, a week after his predecessor Ismail Haniyeh's killing in Tehran. "The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas announces the selection of leader Yahya Sinwar as the head of the political bureau of the movement," a statement read. AFP

TEHRAN

Iran executes man over killing of Guards colonel in 2022 protests

REUTERS

Iran executed a man after the courts convicted him of killing a Revolutionary Guards officer during nationwide protests in 2022. The colonel was in charge of the Guards' intelligence unit in Sahneh city of Kermanshah province in Iran's Kurdish region, which saw the biggest protest over Mahsa Amini's death in police custody. AFP

WASHINGTON

Elon Musk's social media platform X sues advertisers over boycott

AP

Elon Musk's X sued an advertising group and several corporations accusing them of causing billions of dollars of losses by "illegally" boycotting the social media platform. The antitrust suit, filed in Texas, targets the World Federation of Advertisers (WFA), Uniliver, Mars, CVS Health and Orsted, a Danish energy company. AFP

KUALA LUMPUR

Meta apologises over removal of Malaysian PM's posts on Haniyeh

REUTERS

Meta apologised for removing social media posts by Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim about the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. The apology came after his office summoned Meta officials to seek an explanation on why Mr. Ibrahim's Facebook and Instagram posts about Haniyeh's death were removed. AFP

Former PM Khaleda Zia released from house arrest

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladesh's uncompromising former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has been released from years of house arrest after her bitter enemy Sheikh Hasina was ousted as Premier and fled as protesters stormed her palace.

The ferocious rivalry between the two women has defined politics in the Muslim-majority nation for decades.

Ms. Zia, 78, was sentenced to 17 years in prison for graft in 2018 under Ms. Hasina's rule.

She is in poor health, confined to a wheelchair with rheumatoid arthritis and struggling with diabetes and cirrhosis of the liver.

Rights groups warn of attacks on minorities in Bangladesh

Houses and shops of minority members were attacked and vandalised in at least 97 places on Monday and Tuesday; Awami League party offices were torched and looted across the country

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Rights groups and diplomats in Bangladesh on Tuesday raised concerns at reports of attacks on minorities, including Hindus, a day after the Prime Minister was ousted following mass protests.

Some businesses and homes owned by Hindus were attacked on Monday, witnesses said. Police reported mobs launching revenge attacks on Ms. Hasina's allies. Offices of Ms. Hasina's Awami League party were torched and looted across the country, eyewitnesses said.

Remnants of a revolt: People gather in front of the ransacked Awami League's central office in Dhaka on Tuesday. PTI

"Houses and shops of minority people were attacked, vandalised and looted, in at least 97 places on Monday and Tuesday," Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, said in a statement. The group said at least 10 Hindu temples were attacked by "miscreants" on Monday.

One Hindu man was beaten to death in Bangladesh's southern Bagerhat district, said a hospital official who requested anonymity due to safety concerns. "Such attacks on minorities are against the fundamental spirit of the anti-discrimination student movement," said Transparency International Bangladesh head Iftekharuzzaman, who uses one name.

Some homes of the Ahmadis, a minority Muslim sect, were also torched by a mob on Monday, a local newspaper reported. The house of celebrated Hindu musician Rahul Ananda – who last year met French President Emmanuel Macron when he visited Dhaka – was also torched.

24 killed in hotel owned by Awami League leader

Press Trust of India
DHAKA

At least 24 people, including an Indonesian national, were burnt alive by a mob in Bangladesh at a starred hotel owned by a leader of Awami League party, local journalists and hospital sources said.

The victims, mostly boarders, were burnt alive late on Monday night as the mob set afire Zabir International Hotel owned by district Awami League general secretary Shahin Chakkladar in Joshor district.

Media reports suggested unidentified mob, opposed to the Awami League (AL) regime, set the ground floor of the hotel on fire which quickly spread to the upper floors.

Sri Lanka expresses solidarity with the people of Bangladesh

Same trajectory: Protestors take part in a demonstration in Colombo in Sri Lanka on April 9, 2022. AFP

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Hours after Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina quit and fled the country on Monday following mass protests, Sri Lanka – whose former President was ousted by a citizen's uprising two years ago – expressed solidarity with the people of Bangladesh.

"Our hearts are with the people of #Bangladesh during these incredibly challenging times. The recent events have led to significant unrest and, tragically, the loss of many lives. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of those affected and to all who are suffering during this difficult period," said Foreign Minister Ali Sabry in a message on 'X' on Monday.

Mr. Sabry served as Minister of Justice and later, Minister of Finance under President Gotabaya, who was booted out of office in 2022. "Sri Lanka values its enduring friendship with Bangladesh and stands in solidarity with its people. We believe in the resilience and unity of the Bangladeshi nation and hope for a swift return to peace and stability," he said.

Along with his other Cabinet colleagues, Mr. Sabry resigned in April 2022 amid surging protests by citizens who took to the streets demanding then President Gotabaya and his government step down. Mr. Sabry was soon re-appointed Minister of Finance, but quit days after, as mass agitations persisted forcing Mr. Gotabaya to resign and flee the country in July 2022. Subsequently, Mr. Sabry joined the Cabinet of President Ranil Wickremesinghe as Foreign Minister.

"May the people of Bangladesh find the strength to overcome these challenges and emerge even stronger," said Mr. Sabry.

Six Hezbollah fighters killed in strikes; Israeli warplanes fly over Beirut

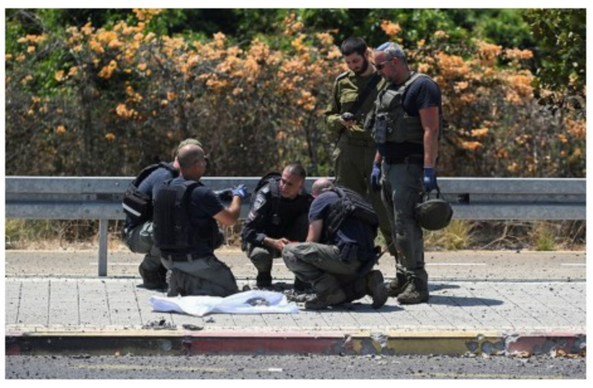
Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

A Lebanese security source said six Hezbollah fighters were killed in Israeli strikes on Tuesday, with the group claiming attacks on northern Israel and low-flying Israeli warplanes breaking the sound barrier over Beirut.

Hezbollah has traded near-daily fire with Israel in support of its ally Hamas since the Palestinian militant group's October 7 attack on Israel triggered war in Gaza.

Tensions have soared in the past week as Iran and its allies vowed revenge for the killing, blamed on Israel, of Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, and after an Israeli strike killed Hezbollah's top military commander Fuad Shukr in Beirut's southern suburbs.

Lebanon's Health Ministry said an "Israeli enemy raid on a house in the town of Mayfadun", near the southern city of Nabatiyeh, killed five persons, while another Israeli strike in the Adaysseh area killed one person. The dead in both locations were "Hezbollah fighters", a security source said.



Officials at the impact site of a projectile after Hezbollah launched drones against targets in in Nahariya in northern Israel. REUTERS

Hezbollah announced five fighters had been killed, without specifying where they died.

The Israeli military said its air force "struck a Hezbollah military structure" in the Nabatiyeh area that was being used "to advance terror attacks" against Israel.

Hezbollah claimed several attacks on Israeli positions on Tuesday, including one with "explosive-laden drones" targeting a barracks north of the coastal town of Acre.

The Israeli military said "a number of hostile UAVs (drones) were identified crossing from Lebanon", adding that "several civilians were injured to the south of Nahariya", near Acre.

It later said an initial inquiry indicated that one of its interceptor missiles "missed the target and hit the ground, injuring several civilians".

Hezbollah said the drone attack was in response to an air strike on the southern village of Ebba on Monday that, according to the Israeli military, targeted a commander in the group's elite Radwan Force.

Low-flying Israeli military aircraft broke the sound barrier over Beirut on Tuesday ahead of a speech by Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah, Lebanon's National News Agency.

12 killed in West Bank

Palestinian officials said Israeli forces killed 12 people in three separate raids in the northern West Bank on Tuesday, as violence in the occupied territory showed no sign of abating.

Since war broke out in October between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, tensions have soared in the West Bank, which Israel has occupied since 1967.

At least 617 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops or settlers in the West Bank since October 7

6,000 police deployed to quell U.K. riots: govt

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

The U.K. government said on Tuesday that 6,000 specialist police were ready to deal with far-right rioting after another night of destructive troubles.

There has been a week of nightly riots in various cities since three children were killed in a mass stabbing.

Justice Minister Heidi Alexander told BBC Radio 4 that the government had freed up an extra 500 prison places and drafted in 6,000 specialist police officers to deal with the violence.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer again sought to reassure the nation that action was being taken.

Pakistan Bill restricts independent MPs from joining other parties

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's National Assembly on Tuesday passed a Bill seeking to bar independent lawmakers from joining a party after a stipulated period, with the jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's party voicing a strong protest against it.

The Election Act Amendment Bill 2024 was moved by ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) members Bilal Kayani and Zeb Jafar and passed by the National Assembly with a majority vote despite protest by opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

Stipulated timeframe

The amendment changed Sections 66 and 104 of the Elections Act 2017, restricting independent candidates from joining political parties after a constitutionally and legally defined period.

It states that parties failing to submit a list of reserved seats within the specified period will not be eligible for those seats.

It further stipulates that candidates who do not submit an affidavit of party affiliation to the returning officer will be considered independent, and their declaration of party affiliation after elections will not be recognised.

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E - Tender Notice
O/o the Chief Engineer, Transmission (North), Kozhikode
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_679790_1, PAC: Rs. 6,56,27,000, Last Date-: 10.08.2024, 03.00 pm
O/o the Chief Engineer, (P & SCM), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_683689_1, PAC: Rs. 4.69 Crore, Last Date-: 22.08.2024, 05.00 pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_683365_1, PAC: Rs. 4,13,08,049/-, Last Date-: 24.08.2024, 05.00 pm
O/o the Chief Engineer, (IT, CR & CAPs) Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_683653_1, Last Date-: 04.09.2024, 05.00 pm
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DOMINANT

Keely Hodgkinson powers to the women's 800m gold

AP

Great Britain's Keely Hodgkinson produced a thrilling gun-to-tape run to win the women's Olympic 800m gold on Monday. She timed 1min, 56.72s with Ethiopian Tsige Duguma claiming silver in 1:57.15 and Kenya's Mary Moraa the bronze (1:57.42). The 22-year-old, who won silver in Tokyo, held her nerve perfectly at the bell.

REIGN CONTINUES

Valarie Allman retains women's Olympic discus gold with ease

AFP

USA's Valarie Allman claimed her second consecutive Olympic women's discus gold with a 69.50m effort, to finish ahead of China's Feng Bin (67.51m). Former double Olympic and World champion Sandra Elkasevic of Croatia also threw 67.51 but had to settle for bronze because Feng's second-best effort topped the Croatian's.

UPSTAGED

Beatrice Chebet dethrones Sifan in 5,000m; Kipyegon disqualified

GETTY IMAGES

Kenya's Beatrice Chebet won the women's 5,000m in a time of 14:28.56s to end defending champion Dutchwoman Sifan Hassan's dreams of a long-distance treble. Sifan (14:30.61) claimed silver and Italian Nadia Battocletti (14:31.64) took bronze. Kenyan Faith Kipyegon had finished second in 14:29.60 but was disqualified.

THE GREATEST

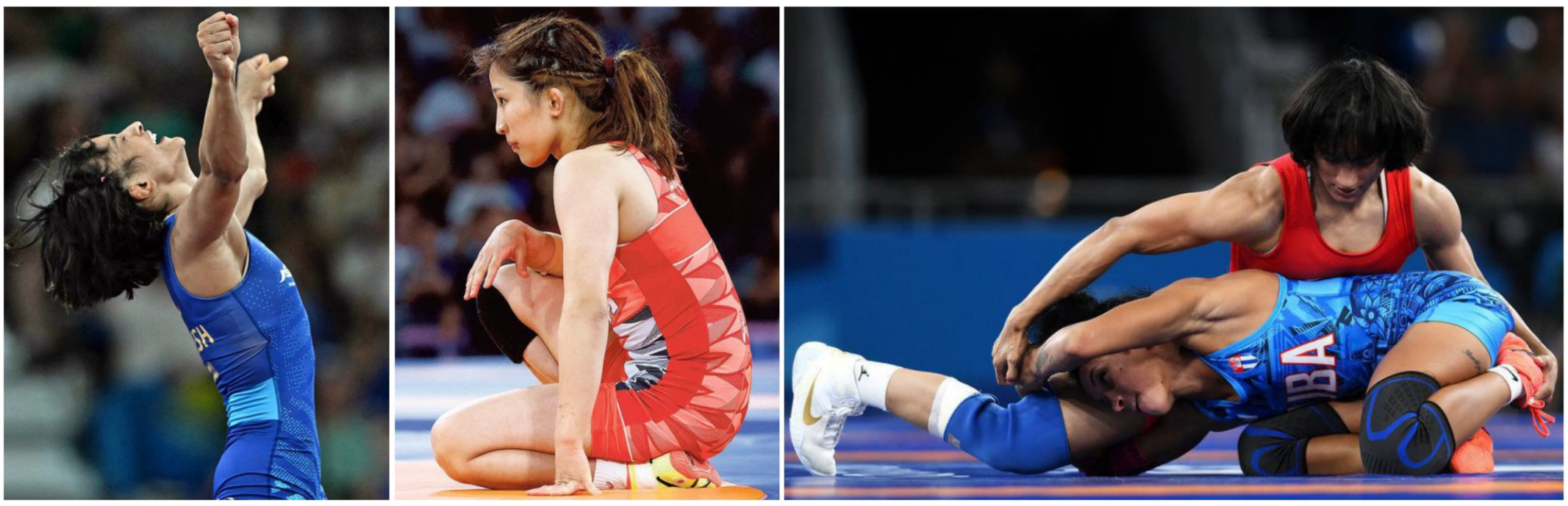
Cuban wrestlter Mijain Lopez wins record fifth successive gold

REUTERS

Cuban wrestler Mijain Lopez made Olympic history on Tuesday when he became the first athlete to win five consecutive individual gold medals in the same event (2008-2024). Lopez, who turns 42 in two weeks' time, defeated Chile's Yasmani Acosta in the final of the 130kg Greco-Roman final.

Vinesh takes the wrestling world by storm

On the back of the grapplers' protests in India, a knee surgery and questions over her qualification, the Indian first stunned Yui, then defeated Livach before coasting past Lopez



Braveheart: Vinesh's guttural cry signifies her scintillating win over dethroned champion Yui. The enormity of the achievement acted as a catalyst for the Indian in the semifinal against Lopez. AFP, REUTERS AND GETTY IMAGES

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

Vinesh Phogat made history. With Himalayan determination, the two-time World championships medallist overcame innumerable odds to reach the women's wrestling 50kg final at the Paris Games here on Tuesday – the first Indian woman to do so.

After stunning World and Olympic champion Yui Susaki 3-2 in the opening round, Vinesh defeated Oksana Livach 7-5 in the quarterfinals and Cuba's Yusneylis Guzman Lopez 5-0 in the semifinals to become the second Indian woman wrestler to secure an Olympic medal after Sakshi Malik.

Vinesh gained from the Cuban's passivity to lead 1-0 after the first period and employed a right leg attack to effect a takedown for a 3-0 lead and gathered two more points to make it 5-0.

Following her struggles during the wrestlers' protest last year, uncertainties after a knee surgery and confusion over whether she could get a chance to challenge Antim Panghal, who had won the 53kg Olympic quota place, two-time World championships bronze medal winning wrestler Vinesh chose to compete in the 50kg selection trials and eventually secured a quota.

Despite the arduous task of significantly cutting down her body weight to fit into the category, Vinesh shocked Yui in her opening bout on her way to the semifinals at the Champ de Mars arena.

This was the first loss for Yui in an international competition. She had never tasted defeat in 82 international matches

Remarkable

For someone who dislocated her knee midway through the quarterfinal bout to be stretchered off in the Rio Olympics and had a forgettable outing in Tokyo, it was a remarkable performance from the feisty Vinesh, who fights her battles, both on and off the mat, with brain and brawn.

Vinesh did the unthinkable against the top-seeded Yui. The Indian's turnaround in the dying seconds seemed magical, but it was part of a well thought-out strategy, much like a tactical chess match.

Practically still and without a single move for most part of the bout, a patient Vinesh began her only attack with less than 20 seconds to go.

Alert like a cheetah, she capitalised when Yui lost her balance while retreating and effected a takedown with nine seconds left. The two points were good enough to ensure Vinesh's win through criteria as her move fetched more technical points.

The five minutes 42 seconds prior to that was all about Vinesh's defence. With nothing to lose – a defeat to Yui in all likelihood would have kept her in the bronze medal hunt – the 29-year-old opted to save energy and concede minimum ground.

She gave away a point apiece in each period due to passivity before outsmarting her opponent when the clock was winding down fast. A stunned Yui's desperate video challenge went in vain and cost her another point.

A teary-eyed Vinesh's celebrations with coach Woller Akos was befitting of the upset, perhaps the biggest by an Indian so far.

The two, who faced criticism after the Tokyo flop show and trained single-mindedly in Bengaluru and Spain in the run-up to Paris, were overwhelmed after producing a result which changed the dynamics of the highly-competitive 50kg class.

"It was a miracle," said Indian women's head coach Virender Dahiya.

Vinesh then regrouped to ward off a strong challenge from Livach.

The Indian's takedown helped her grab a 2-0 lead in the first period. She made it 4-0 through a double leg attack before Oksana fought back brilliantly to bridge the gap to 4-2. Vinesh secured one more point, but the Ukrainian got another too via a push-out.

A challenge from the Indian corner was unsuccessful and the score was tantalisingly poised at 5-4.

Vinesh showed her class to claim another two-pointer and ultimately won the hard-fought bout to set up a semifinal clash with Guzman Lopez.

Third Indian

The wrestlers who have entered the Olympic final

Sushil Kumar (London, 2012)

Ravi Dahiya (Tokyo, 2021)

Vinesh Phogat (Paris, 2024)

Germans break Indian hearts in the semifinal

HOCKEY

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

A relentless Germany dashed the spirited Indian side's dream of a berth in the final by recording a come-from-behind 3-2 win in the semifinals of the men's hockey competition in the Paris Olympics here on Tuesday.

In a contest that swung like a pendulum, world champion Germany showed its all-round brilliance scoring a goal apiece through penalty corner, a stroke and a field move.

India gave a matching fight, but paid the penalty for converting only two of its 11 short corners.

Despite the loss, India, the Tokyo Games bronze medallist, will have another shot at the medal as it will play the third place match on Thursday.

Roaring on: Clinical Germany converted its chances to set up a final against the Netherlands. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Excellent forays

The Indians made some excellent forays to earn as many as seven penalty corners in the opening quarter and captain Harmanpreet Singh scored off the sixth to please thousands of Indian fans, including elite sportspersons such as Abhinav Bindra, Randhir Singh, P.T. Usha and Dilip Tirkey.

With Paul-Phillipp Kaufmann distributing the ball beautifully, Germany built pressure.

Having displayed a fine show of organised defence in its spectacular win over Great Britain in the quarterfinals, the Indians held their nerve and tried their best to save their post even as the match became a bit physical and a fiercely competed affair.

The omnipresent Hardik Singh played a critical role as he worked hard to feed the forwards and fall back seamlessly to bolster the defence and make some smart clearances.

Germany made a superb comeback through Peillat Gonzalez's crisp shot off the team's first short corner early in the second quarter.

Abhishek and Lalit Upadhyay missed clear chances and opportunities to put Germany on the back foot again.

Germany's second penalty corner resulted in a stroke as the goal-bound ball hit Jarmanpreet Singh's foot closer to the post. Germany's leading scorer Christopher Ruhr shot home low and goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh could do little.

India's composure brought it four more penalty corners in the initial part of the third quarter. Harmanpreet's shot was deflected home by Sukhjeet Singh as India levelled the scores.

The side's marvellous combined defence denied the Germans despite their multiple attempts from their third short corner in the final period.

In the last 10 minutes, Germany gained the upper hand by picking up two penalty corners and scoring off a surprise attack. Peillat's grounded shot from the left corner of the circle was deflected in by Marco Miltkau to make it 3-2 with six minutes left.

Sreejesh was taken off to boost India's attack and Germany utilised the opportunity to earn another short corner. It did not result in any further damage, though. India tried its best and Shamsher Singh's last-second attempt went over the bar to the disappointment of the Indian camp.

India will next play Spain in the bronze medal match.

The results (semifinals):
Germany 3 (Peillat 18-pc, Ruhr 27-ps, Miltkau-54) bt India 2 (Harmanpreet 7-pc, Sukhjeet-36).
The Netherlands 4 bt Spain 0.

Neeraj nails qualification with his first throw

ATHLETICS

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

It's nearly noon in Paris, and the stadium is brimming with fans. Compared to the sterile environs of the Tokyo Olympics, these are the sort of conditions athletes probably dream of.

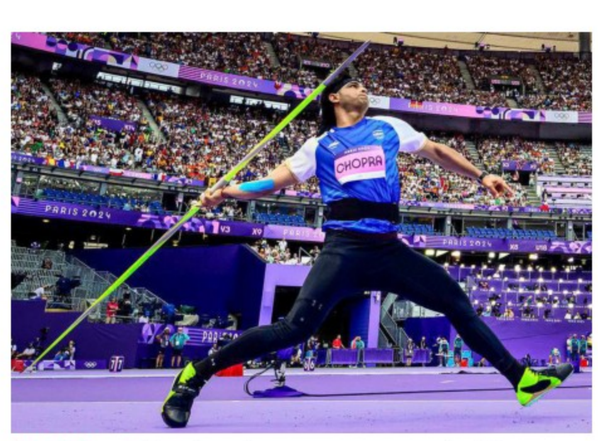
Not if you are Neeraj Chopra though. The reigning men's Olympic javelin throw champion spends about ten minutes warming up and then unleashes a couple of practise throws.

Anderson Peters uncorks a throw that travels well past the automatic qualification standard of 84m. It looks close to 90m.

Then at 11.50 a.m. his competition begins – the second group in qualifying. Neeraj is the first to throw.

His run up is smooth. His release is textbook. The javelin soars and then lands a long way past the automatic qualification standard.

It's measured at 89.34m.



Morale boost: Neeraj's performance was encouraging. PTI

Incidentally the second biggest throw of his career.

But Neeraj is the first to admit that qualification is very different from the pressure that comes while competing in an Olympic final. The conditions will also be different. "Conditions are a little cold in the evening session compared to the morning. The final mindset is also different," he says.

Who can be a threat to him, Neeraj is asked. "Anyone who achieved automatic qualification is in really good form," he replies.

That's a total of nine athletes in the 12 who will be taking part in the final (the other three are those who have the next three best throws).

European champion Julian Weber (87.76m), Olympic silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch (85.63m), World silver medallist Arshad Nadeem (86.59m), two time world champion Anderson Peters (88.63m) also qualified with their first throw.

"I just wanted to get my throw done so I could do my stretching and relax," says Neeraj. "You get confidence and motivation after a good throw. But hopefully I keep my best for the final because that is the real thing."

INBRIEF

Chinese diving prodigy Quan wins her second gold in Paris

The 17-year-old diving prodigy Quan Hongchan on Tuesday won her second gold at the Paris Olympics and third of her career to maintain China's perfect record in the sport in the French capital. Quan sealed a China one-two in the women's 10m platform, her winning total of 425.60 points keeping team-mate Chen Yuxi at bay for silver with 420.70. North Korea's Kim Mi Rae took bronze on 372.10. China has won all five golds in the sport so far in the French capital.

Vaast and Marks ride the waves to take surfing honours

France's Kauli Vaast won men's surfing Olympic gold on Monday on his Tahitian home waves at Teahupo'o, while USA's Caroline Marks claimed gold in the women's event in a thrilling final that went down the wire. Vaast defeated Australian Jack Robinson, while three-time World champion and viral photo sensation Gabriel Medina of Brazil took bronze. Marks pipped Brazil's Tatiana Weston-Webb by just 0.17 points and France's Johanne Defay took bronze.

Netherlands and Germany win the 3x3 basketball golds

The Netherlands won gold in the men's 3x3 basketball by edging France 18-17, just a few minutes after Germany had got the better of Spain 17-16 for its first international title in the women's tournament. The men's bronze went to Lithuania while USA, which had the women's gold in Tokyo, claimed bronze.

Watson breaks world record in speed sport climbing

American Sam Watson broke his own world record for speed sport climbing at the Paris Olympics on Tuesday. Watson set the time of 4.75 seconds in an elimination heat to improve his mark of 4.79 from the Wujiang World Cup in April.

GOLDIES

Armand Duplantis (Swe): *Men's Pole Vault*
Valarie Allman (USA): *Women's Discus*
Beatrice Chebet (Ken): *Women's 5000m*
Keely Hodgkinson (GBr): *Women's 800m*
Germany: *Women's 3x3 Basketball*
Netherlands: *Men's 3x3 Basketball*
Kauli Vaast (Fra): *Men's Surfing*
Caroline Marks (USA): *Women's Surfing*
Christian Kukuk (Ger): *Equestrian Jumping Individual*
Quan Hongchan (Chn): *Diving Women's 10m Platform*
Arisa Trew (Aus): *Skateboarding Women's Park*
Netherlands (Harrie Lavreysen, Roy van den Berg, Jeffrey Hoogland): *Cycling Track Men's Team Sprint*
Kenichiro Fumita (Jpn): *Wrestling Men's Greco-Roman 60kg*
Mijain Lopez (Cub): *Wrestling Men's Greco-Roman 130kg*
Cole Hocker (USA): *Men's 1,500m*
Camryn Rogers (Can): *Women's Hammer Throw*

GOING FOR GOLD

Artistic Swimming: Team Acrobatic Routine
Athletics: Marathon Race Walk Relay Mixed, Women's Pole Vault, Men's Discus, Men's 400m, Men's 3000m Steeplechase
Boxing: Men's 63.5kg, Men's 80kg
Cycling Track: Men's & Women's Team Pursuit
Sailing: Mixed Multihull, Mixed Dinghy
Skateboarding: Men's Park
Sport Climbing: Women's Speed
Taekwondo: Women -49kg, Men -58kg
Weightlifting: Men's 61kg, Women's 49kg
Wrestling: Men's Greco-Roman 77kg, Men's Greco-Roman 97kg, Women's Freestyle 50kg

When Duplantis takes flight, a gold and world record inevitable

After securing his Olympic crown nonchalantly, 'Mondo' — with the 69,000-strong crowd and competitors cheering the Swede on — betters his own mark with a giant leap of 6.25m, proving yet again that he is in a league of his own

PARIS 2024

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

Armand 'Mondo' Duplantis will later say he had been preparing for the moment all his life. "Back when I was just a kid jumping in my backyard in Louisiana, I'd think about this all the time. I'd imagine I was jumping for an Olympic gold and also the World record."

Most kids have fantasies about era-defining sporting achievements. It doesn't go much beyond that.

Not for Mondo. The 24-year-old will – in that order – win the Olympic gold medal, set the Olympic record and then break the World record.

Mondo already has the World record. He also has nine of the 10 best vaults of all time. And he already has the Olympic gold medal. But that came in Tokyo – a competition Mondo will describe as the 'high pressure practice session'.

It's not what childhood fantasies are made of. Now, Monday evening at the Stade de France was another thing.

Supremacy renewed

When he had the height of the pole vault bar set at 6.25m – 1cm more than his own World record – he had the entire crowd of 69,000 cheering him on.

With his first vault on Monday evening, Duplantis officially registered a mark in the men's pole vault competition. With his third, he placed himself on the podium. With his fourth, he had won an Olympic gold medal. With his fifth he broke the Olympic record, clearing 6.10m. For his sixth vault, he had the bar set at 6.25m, a new World record.

These six vaults were spread out over three hours. The rest of his competitors had been fighting their own battles. They had bunched up at 5.85m, trying desperately to break through into the 5.90m medal zone. While all this happened, Mondo, a solitary figure in a bright yellow Swedish jersey, just sat and observed what was going on. Mondo knew his fight would come later. It wasn't with anyone else. It was with himself.

He missed his first attempt at 6.25m. In his second, he seemed to have got the height right but not the distance – he landed almost on top of the bar rather than going over it. He did the calculations and discussed it with his coach in the stands. If Mondo was getting the height but not the horizontal distance in his jump, the solution was to bring the bar closer to him.

Now, he had the uprights that hold the bar in place. He moved forward horizontally, reducing the distance between him and the line where he put the pole into the ground from 70cm to 62cm. His coach had wanted the bar brought even closer to 60cm from the line.

If the adjustment was not right, Mondo would have landed on the bar yet again. But this is an athlete in supreme control of his body. So, 8cm it was.

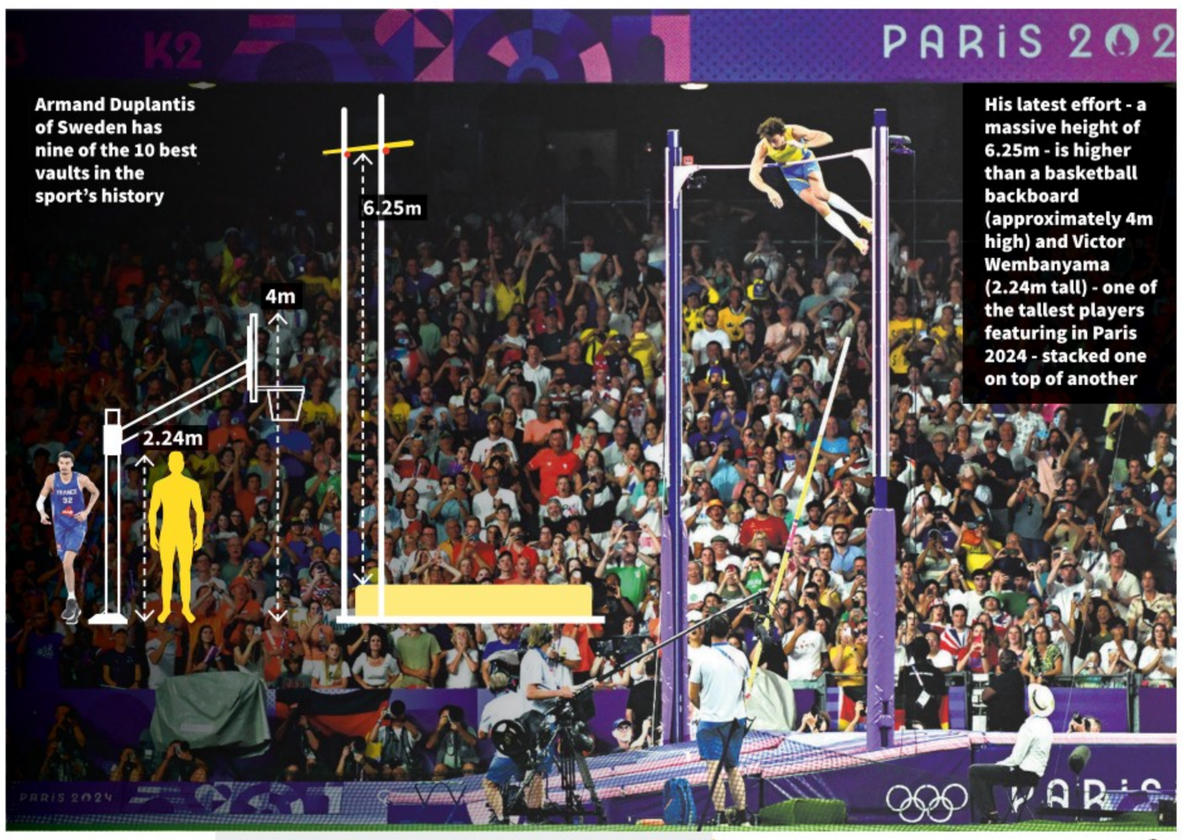
His rivals might have been hyping up the crowd but as Mondo lifted his pole up at the start of his run up, the crowd went silent. Then, as he sprinted down the track, the stadium groaned in anticipation with each step.

As Mondo sprints down the runway, it indeed feels like he has God's hand behind him. He bends the pole and goes upside down as it thrusts him skyward. The fact that the uprights are 8cm closer to him means that when he bends his body, it curls perfectly over the bar. What seems like an eternity later, he starts his descent.

The crowd is already going wild. *'Record du Mond'* (record of the world) goes a sign on the big screen at the stadium. You can't help but wonder at how perfect a nickname 'Mondo' chose for this moment.

Pole vault: world record progression

A look at how three men have dominated pole vault for the last 40 years: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Armand Duplantis of Sweden has nine of the 10 best vaults in the sport's history
His latest effort - a massive height of 6.25m - is higher than a basketball backboard (approximately 4m high) and Victor Wembanyama (2.24m tall) - one of the tallest players featuring in Paris 2024 - stacked one on top of another
6.25m
4m
2.24m

6.00m: Sergey Bubka (USSR), July 13, 1985, Paris
6.01: Bubka, July 8, 1986, Moscow
6.03: Bubka, June 23, 1987, Prague
6.05: Bubka, June 9, 1988, Bratislava
6.06: Bubka, July 10, 1988, Nice
6.07: Bubka, May 6, 1991, Shizuoka
6.08: Bubka, June 9, 1991, Moscow
6.09: Bubka, July 8, 1991, Formia
6.10: Bubka, Aug. 5, 1991, Malmo
6.11: Bubka (Ukr), June 13, 1992, Dijon
6.12: Bubka, Aug. 30, 1992, Padova
6.13: Bubka, Sept. 19, 1992, Tokyo
6.14: Bubka, July 31, 1994, Sestrieres
6.16: Renaud Lavillenie (Fra), Feb. 15, 2014, Donetsk
6.17: Armand Duplantis (Swe), Feb. 8, 2020, Torun
6.18: Duplantis, Feb. 15, 2020, Glasgow
6.19: Duplantis, March 7, 2022, Belgrade
6.20: Duplantis, March 20, 2022, Belgrade
6.21: Duplantis, July 24, 2022, Eugene
6.22: Duplantis, Feb. 25, 2023, Clermont-Ferrand
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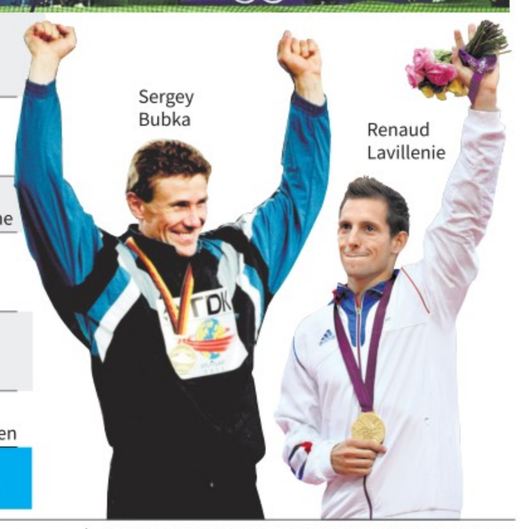
6.24: Duplantis, April 20, 2024, Xiamen
6.25: Duplantis, Aug. 5, 2024, Paris



Note: Since 2000, the distinction between a world record set outdoors and indoors has been removed. COMPILED BY LAVANYA L., PRANAY RAJIV & ANISH PATHIYIL

Past and present: Bubka, right, who set and bettered the world record 14 times, honoured Duplantis who has vaulted into a realm of his own. GETTY IMAGES

POSTCARD FROM PARIS

Yui's loss, an upset of seismic proportions
The stunning defeat of World and Olympic champion Yui Susaki at the hands of Vinesh Phogat in the first round of the women's 50kg bout was the biggest upset at the Paris Olympics. It sent shock waves not just among the fans, but also through the Japanese journalists who watched the bout. While a few rushed to get a reaction from the wrestler, the others scanned the stats for her win-loss record.

Pro-Palestine shadow
The shadow of the Israel-Gaza conflict and the pro-Palestine push can be felt at the Games, too. Even though the organisers, as well as the IOC, prefer the platform of the Games not to be used for any political propaganda, it is practically difficult to stop any free voice. Palestine flags everywhere pointed to the undercurrent of sympathy for people suffering in Gaza.

Sentiments for Bangladesh
The sentiments of Bangladesh immigrants in Paris was noticeable when one accidentally met them. When they realise you are from India, they greet you warmly and switch to the domestic affairs of Bangladesh. "Our country became free today," said a lady, who owns a restaurant close to the South Paris Arena. Another young man, selling electronic equipment in the vicinity, welcomes the change in power.

— Y.B. Sarangi

THE INDIA SHOW

A look at some of the Indian performances on Tuesday:

Athletics: Men's javelin (qualification, overall placings): Neeraj (first, enters final), Jena (18th, DNQ); Women's 400m (repechage): Kiran (sixth in Heat 1, 23rd overall), DNQ for semifinal.
Table tennis: Men's team (round-of-16): lost to China 0-3.
Wrestling: Women's freestyle 50kg: Semifinal: Vinesh bt Guzman (Cub) 5-0; 1/4 final: bt Livach (Ukr) 7-5; 1/8 final: bt Susaki (Jpn) 3-2.

INDIANS IN ACTION

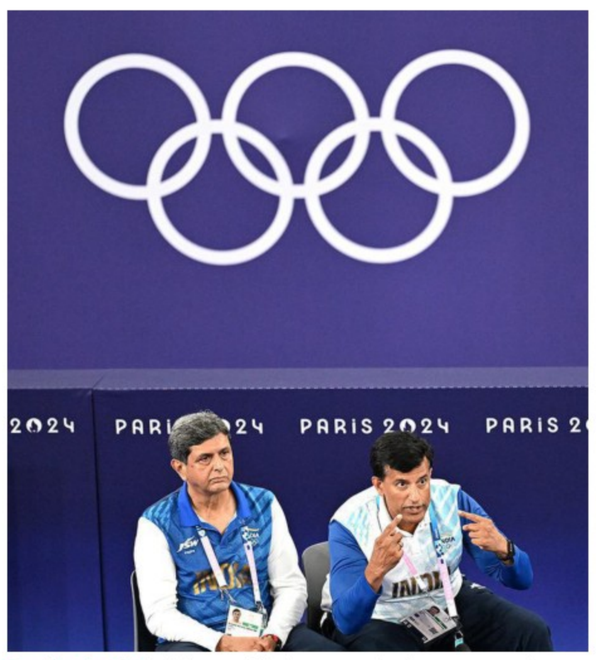
A look at some Indians who will compete on Wednesday (all times IST):

Athletics: Marathon race walk: Mixed relay final (Priyanka & Suraj), 11 a.m.
Men's high jump qualification (Sarvesh), 1.35 p.m.
Women's 100m hurdles: Round 1 (Jyothi), 1.45 p.m.
Women's javelin throw qualification (Annu), 1.55 p.m..
Men's triple jump qualification (Abdulla, Praveen), 10.45 p.m.
Golf: Women's Individual Stroke Play: Round 1 (Aditi, Diksha), 12.30 p.m.
Table tennis: Women's team (quarterfinal): vs Germany (1.30 p.m.).
Weightlifting: Women's 49kg (Mirabai), 11 p.m.
Wrestling (session begins at 2.30 p.m.): Women's freestyle 53kg (1/8 final): Antim vs Yetgil (Tur).

Medals table

	Country	G	S	B	T
1	China	22	19	14	55
2	USA	21	30	28	79
3	Australia	14	12	8	34
4	France	13	16	19	48
5	Great Britain	12	13	18	43
6	Korea	11	8	7	26
7	Japan	10	6	11	27
8	Italy	9	10	6	25
9	Germany	8	5	4	17
10	Netherlands	7	5	6	18
60	**India**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**3**

Hope players realise they need to deliver: Padukone



Reality check: Padukone said players need to introspect and not just keep asking for more from the federations. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Sports Bureau

Unhappy with India's performance at the Paris Olympics where it is staring at the possibility of returning with fewer medals than the seven-medal haul at the Tokyo Games, badminton legend, coach and mentor Prakash Padukone said unequivocally that athletes should take responsibility and urged the National Federations "to be firm on players who don't deliver."

Speaking to the media in Paris after his ward Lakshya Sen lost the bronze medal play-off match, Padukone said: "After Milkha Singh in 1960 (Rome Olympics) and P.T. Usha in the 80s [1984 Los Angeles], we have so many fourth-place finishes.

"I think that it is high time that the players also take responsibility.

"At least for the results in this Olympics and the previous one, you cannot hold the federations and the government responsible for the results. They have done whatever they can."

Padukone also insisted that it's high time players deliver. "I hope the players realise... when you ask for certain things, they also need to deliver.

Need to be firm

"If they don't deliver, then I think you need to be a little firm. Maybe the federation or the government can be. Let's be frank."

Unlike earlier times, Padukone said the elite players get whatever they ask for. "The players need to introspect and not just keep asking for more from the federations.

"They need to ask themselves whether they are working hard enough because all these players have their own physios and all facilities. I don't think any other country, including the US, offers so many facilities."

The 69-year-old former All-England champion didn't spare Lakshya either. "Axelsen might say he is the next best. But, that's not good enough. Of course, he's still young.

"He must realise it himself and not give an excuse. In terms of facilities, nobody can do anything more."

Golden opportunity for Lanka to end a 27-year drought

The visitors need to address their shortcomings against spin and the ability to close out games; Parag and Rana may get a look in as India looks to iron out flaws and level the series

CRICKET

S. Dipak Ragav
COLOMBO

Not many would have given Sri Lanka a chance against a near full-strength Indian side before the start of the one-day series. The home team came into the 50-over format following a 3-0 whitewash in the T20Is and was missing four frontline pace bowlers due to injuries and illness.

After somehow managing to tie the first game, the hosts lost key all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga ahead of the second game.

However, despite the odds, Sri Lanka has secured a 1-0 lead with a 32-run victory on Sunday powered by Jeffrey Vandersay's brilliant six-wicket haul (six for 33).

The Lankans now have a chance to end a 27-year drought for a bilateral series win against the Men in Blue in ODIs when the two outfits meet in the third and final contest at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

The conditions at the Khettarama Stadium have been skewed in favour of the spinners, and Sri Lanka has exploited them to silence a powerful Indian batting line-up.

What seemed like an aberration in the first game, when India lost nine wickets to the tweakers, has become a more significant concern after a similar number of batters fell to the slower bowlers in the second game.

Spin specialist: Onus would be on Shreyas to decode and neutralise the spin threat. PTI

Vandersay scythed through the batting line-up in the second game, taking the first six wickets to trigger a sensational collapse from which Rohit Sharma's men couldn't recover.

Barring Rohit and Axar Patel, none of the other batters have looked comfortable against spin. The skipper used the sweep shots effectively, and the others could take a cue from the 37-year-old.

Though these pitches are anomalies in modern-day one-day cricket, India will look to address this weakness and nip it in the bud sooner rather than later.

Another area the visitors will look to sharpen is closing out the innings. In both games, India let the opposition's lower-order wag after having it six down for less than 150 before conceding totals above 200.

Viable options

India would have also hoped to use these matches to try out a few players in preparation for next year's Champions Trophy. Now, with the series on the line, how much the management can experiment remains to be seen. One option the think-tank could explore is to get in Riyan Parag, who can bowl both off and leg-breaks apart from his big-hitting ability. Similarly, Harshit Rana could get a look in for one of the pacers if the team wants to prepare the next set of quicks.

On the eve of the first encounter, the Lions' interim head coach, Sanath Jayasuriya, requested the fans to show up in numbers and support his side despite the recent poor results.

The crowd responded by packing the venue and saw their team repay the faith. If Charith Asalanka's men can clinch the trophy on Wednesday, it could be a huge morale-booster for the nation as it looks to return to being a cricketing powerhouse.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, K.L. Rahul, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, Shivam Dube, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Washington Sundar, Arshdeep Singh, Riyan Parag, Axar Patel, Khaleel Ahmed and Harshit Rana.

Sri Lanka: Charith Asalanka (Capt.), Pathum Nissanka, Avishka Fernando, Kusal Mendis, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Kamindu Mendis, Janith Liyanage, Nishan Madushka, Wanindu Hasaranga, Dunith Wellalage, Chamika Karunaratne, Maheesh Theekshana, Akila Dananjaya, Asitha Fernando, Mohamed Shiraz and Eshan Malinga

Match starts at 2.30 p.m. IST.

'We are looking to get the job done and be on top of our game'

S. Dipak Ragav
COLOMBO

Confident: Washington, left, backs batters like Kohli to find a way in order to counter the Lankan spinners. AFP

India all-rounder Washington Sundar revealed that the batters are working on their weakness against spin with head coach Gautam Gambhir and trying to adapt ahead of the final One-Day International against Sri Lanka.

"Obviously, there have been a lot of inputs from him, and he was a high-quality player of spin," said Washington. "That's one of the reasons we came here today to practise, to try to find a way and make small changes tactically.

"We are quality players of spin. We have always played on these kinds of pitches, even at home in Tests and domestic cricket. We know many of our players have done well in the middle-order, especially batting against spin. So it is just a matter of finding a way in their own (style) and trying to get the job done," he added.

With India trailing 1-0, the Men in Blue must win Wednesday's encounter to level the series, and the 24-year-old feels the decider gives the team a chance to show character under pressure.

"We must put our hands up and win those critical situations. With big tournaments coming up, we will be in such situations. It's important to find ways to see what we can do to win those critical situations in similar conditions against quality spin attacks.

"We are prepared for tomorrow's game. We are looking to get the job done and be on top of our game in all aspects."

The off-spinner also agreed that India let the Sri Lankan lower-order off the hook in the first two games.

"We would have loved to get them for around 200 or less than that, especially with the kind of situation we had them in. Whatever we have done in this series so far, we will take that as learning and try to move ahead in all aspects of the game and win tomorrow," said Washington.

Yuvan Nandal enters pre-quarters

Sports Bureau

Yuvan Nandal defeated Mehluli Sibanda of Zimbabwe 5-7, 6-0, 6-4 in the first round of the $25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament at Brazzaville (Congo) on Tuesday.

The results: $25,000 ITF men, Brazzaville: First round: Yuvan Nandal bt Mehluli Sibanda (Zim) 5-7, 6-0, 6-4; Aditya Balsekar bt Isaac Bokungu (Cod) 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Anurag Agarwal & Kacper Szymkowiak (Pol) bt Parth Aggarwal & Abraham Asaba (Gha) 7-5, 6-4; Rishab Agarwal & Eric Vanshelboim (Ukr) bt Prakaash Sarran & Drona Walia 6-1, 6-3; Raghav Jaisinghani & Stefan Vujic (Aus) bt Guelord Kayombo (Cod) & Etienne Teboh (Cmr) 6-3, 7-5; Bor Artnak (Slo) & Mathys Erhard (Fra) bt Isaac Nortey (Gha) & Karan Singh 6-2, 6-4.

S.D. Prajwal Dev & Adil Kalyanpur bt Michael Ibakakomboyo-Ayessa & Cheik Ekoume (Cgo) 6-0, 6-3.

$25,000 ITF men, Taipei: Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Sai Karteek Reddy & Wishaya Trongcharoenchaikul (Tha) bt Yuichiro Inui & Kazuki Nishiwaki (Jpn) 6-2, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir: Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Chirag Duhan & Shinji Hazawa (Jpn) bt Rayen Hermassi & Alaa Trifi (Tun) 7-5, 6-4.

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Online Examination – Preliminary	October 2024	November 2024
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	November 2024	November/ December 2024
Online Examination – Main	November 2024	December 2024
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INBRIEF

Sreeja achieves career-high 22 in ITTF world rankings

Table tennis star Sreeja Akula, who reached the women's singles pre-quarterfinals, has achieved the highest ranking for an Indian player at World No. 22 in women's singles following an impressive campaign at the Paris Games. Sreeja moved up three places from her previous ranking, while Manika Batra, who also reached the round of 16, rose three places to rank 25th. Sutirtha and Ayhika Mukherjee are India's top pair in women's doubles at No. 17. Sharath Kamal dropped one place to be India's top-ranked men's singles player at 41st. Manav Thakkar is the next best Indian male at World No. 59 and G. Sathiyan is in the 64th spot.

Kemp FC has it easy against Rebel Women's FC

Kemp FC blanked Rebel Women's FC 4-0 in the Karnataka Women's League football league in Bengaluru.

The results: Kemp FC 4 (M. Subashini 24, Priya Chettri 48, Rivka Ramji 88, Priya Dharshini 90) bt Rebel Women's FC 0; Kickstart FC 2 (S. Aarushi 23, 60) bt Misaka United FC 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Olympics 2024: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 11 a.m. onwards

Sri Lanka vs India: 3rd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m.

Football: Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 & 6.30 p.m.

West Indies vs South Africa: 1st Test, day 1, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

I am living a dream and don't want to wake up, says Henry

The legendary French star, who has won the World Cup and the Euro, has taken the host to the final at the Paris Games after being appointed coach of the Under-21 and Olympic teams last year

FOOTBALL

Agence France-Presse
LYON

Hit-man: Mateta, left, has brought joy to Henry's team with four goals, including the winner in the quarterfinal against Argentina and double against Egypt. AP

Thierry Henry won almost everything possible in a glittering career as a player and is now "living a dream" as a coach after leading host France to the final of the Olympic men's football.

France is aiming to win gold for the second time, 40 years after its triumph in Los Angeles, and will face Spain in the final after getting the better of Egypt 3-1 on Monday.

"I am going to be honest, I am mainly happy for Team France because when you see everyone picking up medals all over the place, you say to yourself that you can't let them down," Henry said.

"You don't want to be the team that doesn't win a medal, so at least that is done, and now we will see what colour we get. But honestly I am living a dream and I don't want to wake up."

Henry, who won the Champions League with Barcelona and both the World Cup and European Championship with France as a player, was appointed coach of France's Under-21 and Olympic teams just under a year ago. The 46-year-old will now lead it out on Friday in the final at the Parc des Princes, the same ground where France beat Spain in the final of the 1984 European Championship just weeks before its only Olympic victory to date.

"You know how difficult it is going to be against them.

"They are often in the finals of competitions, in both men's and women's football," Henry said of the Tokyo Olympic silver medallist Spain.

France is guaranteed a medal after making the final despite failing to enrol the services of full national team captain Kylian Mbappe and vice-captain Antoine Griezmann for the Olympic tournament.

Instead it has been led from the front by Lyon's former Arsenal striker Alexandre Lacazette, while the star man in the knockout rounds has been Mateta.

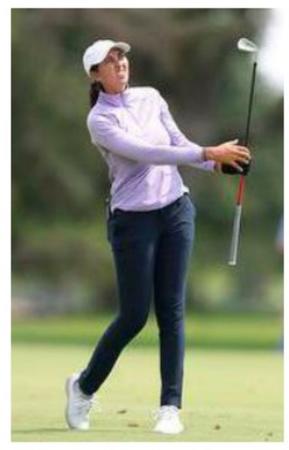
He scored 16 goals in the Premier League last season for Crystal Palace, including 14 in his last 16 games.

Now he is France's top scorer at the Games with four goals, among them the winner in a fiery quarterfinal against Argentina and his double against Egypt.

"It is a dream to be in the final and I can't wait to be in Paris," said Mateta, who comes from the suburbs of the French capital.

"We have been talking about the Games for a year and a half now and finally we get to go to Paris."

Aditi and Disha to tee off campaigns



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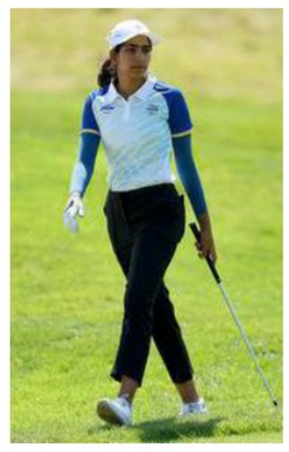

Diksha. GETTY IMAGES

GOLF

Press Trust of India
PARIS

Aditi Ashok will be determined to make up for her 'near-miss' at the Tokyo Games, while Diksha Dagar will look to overcome the trauma of a car accident as the two Indian golfers begin their campaign at the Paris Games on Wednesday.

So close yet so far

Two-time Olympian Aditi had come agonisingly close to securing a medal before finishing fourth three years ago in Tokyo and will seek redemption this time.

Diksha, on the other hand, escaped unhurt after being involved in a car accident that left her mother hospitalised. But the 23-year-old has shrugged off her woes and is determined to succeed.

A quarter of the field, which means 15 out of 60 players, in the women's Olympic golf competition have played in all three Games since the sport returned to the programme in 2016 and Aditi is one of them.

Her teammate Diksha, who is making her second Olympic appearance, is one of the 36 players in the field, who have played at least one Olympic Games before this one.

A double medallist in the Deaflympics, Diksha qualified for Tokyo almost at the last minute.

This time, her consistent showing in 2023 and 2024 won her a place months ahead.

Aditi tees off with Gaby Lopez (Mexico) and Esther Henseleit (Germany) at 9.22 am local time (12.52 pm IST), while Diksha plays with Wei-Ling Hsu (Chinese Taipei) and Emma Spitz (Austria) from 10:55 a.m.

Bengaluru FC moves into quarterfinals with all-win record

DURAND CUP

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Own goal: Sporting defender Halder turns the ball into his own net to give Bengaluru a two-goal cushion. DEBASISH BHADURI

Former champion Bengaluru FC beat a 10-man Mohammedan Sporting SC 3-2 on Tuesday to complete its Group B league assignment with an all-win record and progress to the quarterfinals of the 133rd Durand Cup.

Bengaluru, fielding a full-strength team, took control of the proceedings against a young Sporting side that came with an all-Indian lineup. It found the opening goal from a corner which was nodded home by its tall Australian defender Aleksandar Jovanovic in the seventh minute.

Bengaluru doubled the lead in the 22nd when Argentine forward Jorge Pereyra Diaz's sharp attempt was deflected home by Sporting defender Dipu Halder. Vinith Venkatesh made it 3-0 by the hour mark to virtually seal the match. Sporting livened up its attacks in the final quarter of the action and pulled one back in the 77th minute through substitute Israfil Dewan, who scored with a spectacular header.

The home side, which saw its goalkeeper Subhajit Bhattacharjee sent off with a straight red in the 81st minute, continued the offensive and saw another substitute Mahitosh Roy making it 3-2 with a fine long-ranger in injury time.

Local side Bodoland FC picked up its first win of the tournament with a 2-0 win over a youthful Odisha FC side, in a Group E match at the SAI Stadium in Kokrajhar (Assam).

The results: At Kolkata: Group B: Mohammedan Sporting 2 (Israfil Dewan 77, Mahitosh Roy 90+3) lost to Bengaluru FC 3 (Aleksandar Jovanovic 7, Dipu Halder 22-og, Vinith Venkatesh 60).

At Kokrajhar: Group E: Bodoland FC 2 (Dilliram Sanyasi 42, Arjun Mardi 88) bt Odisha FC 0.

Sehrawat and Narwal, star attractions at PKL auction

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Asian Games gold medallist Pawan Sehrawat and Pardeep Narwal will go under the hammer at the auction even as franchises retained 88 players ahead of season 11 of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL).

The franchises have retained a core group of players and are looking to build stronger units at the auctions slated to be held here on August 15 and 16.

For the auction, the domestic and overseas players will be divided into four categories: A, B, C and D. The players will be further sub-divided as 'All-Rounders', 'Defenders' and 'Raiders' within each category.

The base prices for each categories: A: ₹30 lakh, B: ₹20 lakh, C: ₹13 lakh, D: ₹9 lakh.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Hardik and Ronith star in Swastic Union CC (1)'s semifinal win

Hardik Raj (89) and Ronith Iyengar (5/24) powered Swastic Union CC (1) past Vijaya CC (Malur) in the KSCA under-19 inter-club semifinal here.

The scores (semifinals): Swastic Union (1) 208/8 in 20 overs (Appachu Manavatira 26, Hardik Raj 89, R.V. Rohit 28, Vaibhav Sharma 3/34) bt Vijaya (Malur) 96/7 in 20 overs (K.P. Ahan 32 n.o., Ronith Iyengar 5/24). Swastic Union (2) 160 in 33.1 overs (M.B. Shivam 43, Hakeem Puthige 27, Aniketh Reddy 4/26) lost to Vijaya CC 110/3 in 22.3 overs (Yash Jadhav 45, Akshath Prabhakar 29 n.o.) (via better run rate; match stopped due to rain).

Bangalore Zone posts victory over Mangalore Zone

Bangalore Zone defeated Mangalore Zone in the KSCA S.A. Srinivasan Memorial under-23 tournament here.

The scores: Mangalore Zone 128 in 51.5 overs (A.S. Rahul 34, Nischith Pai 28 n.o., Vinayak Holla 31, Dhanush Gowda 3/28, Rishil Mekala 5/27) and 97 in 46.4 overs (Smayan Srivastav 5/21) lost to Bangalore Zone 238 in 64.5 overs (Hadley Noronha 34, Akshan Rao 45, P. Dhruv 32 n.o., Dhanush Gowda 37, Nathan D'Mello 4/32, Nischith Pai 3/60).

Combined City XI 181 in 42.5 overs (Yashwant 38, Lochan Gowda 90, Rahul Prasanna 3/65, Mohsin Khan 5/36) drew with President's XI 277/6 in 71 overs (Anirudh Srinivas 34, S.H. Swaroop 107 n.o., Karan Umesh 101, S. Bhargav 3/56).

Tumkur Zone 130 in 38 overs (T. Chiranjeevi 40, Gaurav Krishna 27, Medhansh Mahesh 6/51) and 183/5 in 38 overs (M.A. Adarsh 102 n.o.) drew with Mysore Zone 362 in 63.3 overs (Abhay Rangan 113, Kruthik Krishna 73, Manvanth Kumar 47 n.o., B. Rahul 3/94, V. Vishwas 5/57).

Raichur Zone 289 in 82.2 overs (Vijaya Raj 111, Wardhan Khuba 61, Eshwar Nayak 73, Adarsh Hiremath 3/61, Rajendra Danganavar 4/47) drew with Dharwad Zone 450/6 in 90 overs (Sudeep Sateri 76, Amod Kaluve 77, Madhava Dharwadkar 123, Rohan Yareshmi 32, Rajendra Danganavar 63 n.o., Bheem Rao 4/63).

Statistics are fine, but the essence of sport is courage

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

The passing of Aunshuman Gaekwad has brought into focus again a salient feature of sport – the importance of guts and sheer courage. Batters in his time – the record-breaking Sunil Vargas being a prime example – faced some of the fastest bowlers in the history of the game. They did this without helmets, safety laws or neutral umpires who called intimidatory bowling by its name.

"I was privileged to play with three of the bravest cricketers in Indian cricket," Sunil Gavaskar said recently, "Eknath Solkar, Jimmy Amarnath, and Aunshuman Gaekwad." Each of the three mentioned could have said the same thing, substituting their own name with Gavaskar's for reasons of modesty. The essence of sport is courage.

On the 1983 tour of the West Indies, India were up against Andy Roberts, Malcolm Marshall, Michael Holding and Joel Garner. Has a better bunch of skilful and aggressive fast bowlers played together?

Without being at his best, Gavaskar still had a century, having earlier been hit on the head by Marshall.

It was one of the few times the opener had been hit. You needed to have a great technique or a stout heart to survive – Gavaskar had both.

Someone once pointed out that he spent about a third of his sporting life trying to keep fast bowlers from maiming him!

Amarnath made 598 in that series which India lost 0-2, hooking the bowlers with abandon. For a while – he had made 584 in Pakistan against Imran Khan and Sarfraz Nawaz – he was the best batter in the world. Stout hearts who played for India must include their first captain, C.K. Nayudu. Hit on the mouth by fast bowler Dattu Phadkar in a Ranji Trophy final, he spat out the teeth, brushed them away from the pitch and waved away all help.

He continued batting and made 66. He was 57 years old then.

But it isn't just batters about whom tales of bravery and fortitude are told. Leg spinner Anil Kumble, his jaw broken, his face bandaged, bowling in the Antigua Test of 2002, is one of cricket's most inspiring.

Kumble sent down 14 consecutive overs and became the first bowler to dismiss Brian Lara while bowling with a broken jaw. "It was one of the bravest things I've seen on the field of play," said Viv Richards later.

Easily the bravest fielder to represent India was Eknath Solkar. Fielding at short leg – again, no helmet – he converted what batters thought were safe shots into brilliant catches. The spin quartet of the time - Bishan Bedi, Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chandrasekhar and Srinivas Venkatraghavan – said often they would have been less successful without Solkar at short leg. Towards the end of his career, Solkar was even picked for a tour of the West Indies for his fielding alone! As Bedi said, "His close-in catching was really intimidating."

Incredible Solkar

His catch at short leg to dismiss England's Alan Knott at the Oval in 1971, the first Test India won in that country (which led to the series win) was stunning, and led to one of the game's great photographs.

Solkar later told the writer Rahul Bhattacharya, that he had been wearing a heart-shaped pendant at the time and when he dived forward, it scratched his chest, making it bleed. The fielder said after retirement (53 catches in 27 Tests) that the one he took in the outfield off Clive Lloyd in Bengaluru was his best.

Nari Contractor, who turned 90 earlier this year, had his skull fractured by a Charlie Griffith delivery in the West Indies where he was leading the Indian team.

It was touch-and-go for a while in hospital. Remarkably, he returned to play first class cricket. This did not surprise anybody. On the 1959 tour of England, he had his ribs broken by Brian Statham at Lord's, but made the top score of 81.

Gavaskar also played with a cricketer whose courage and motivation are of such a high order that we sometimes find it difficult to assimilate them.

Within five months of losing an eye in a car accident, Tiger Pataudi was playing Test cricket, and in another three months was leading the country. Clearly he was in a different league altogether.

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